



Philippi, a Roman colony in northern Greece, was the first city in Europe where news of “the way of salvation” was shared in the name of King Jesus ([Acts 16:6-15](#)).

- Approximately 12 years later, Paul writes a letter to “all the _____ in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons” ([Phil 1:1](#)).
- Were there some in Philippi who remembered the night Paul and Silas had spent in prison ([Acts 16:16-40](#))?
- Now the saints in Philippi have received a letter from another prison ([Phil 1:7](#)), a letter full of joy.

A sense of belonging that brings joy to the journey

- A blood-bought, grace-filled connection to King _____ ([1:1-2](#))
- Fellow partakers with each other of _____ ([1:7](#))
- _____ in the gospel ([1:5](#))
- The sacred privilege of _____ for each other ([1:3-4, 9a](#))
- The assurance that God is not just a starter, but a _____ ([1:6](#))
- Growing together in the journey toward the day of Christ ([1:9-11](#))
 - In ever-abounding _____ that overflows with _____
 - In wisdom that guides in paths of moral _____
 - Filled to overflowing with the fruit of _____ living
 - All _____ King Jesus, to the _____ and praise of God

Joy is found in walking with Jesus, wherever the path leads. Because he is with us and he is our destination, we can have joy, whatever we experience along the way. Our joy is rooted in him. The fruit is grace and partnership in the gospel.