



Philippians

AN UNCOMMON JOY

Chapter 1

A lot has happened since the day that Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke entered the city of Philippi. After preaching in Philippi for a short time, they continued their journey to Thessalonica, Berea, Athens and Corinth. They returned to Antioch and after a while made one more journey which again brought them through the city of Philippi. At the end of this journey Paul is arrested in Jerusalem and over a period of 2 years he makes his way to Rome as a prisoner. He is carried to Rome where he is incarcerated for at least two years. While in Rome as a prisoner, he writes four letters: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. As you read the first chapter of Philippians, you will find a number of reoccurring words. These repetitions are significant. If God mentions it once it is important but if he mentions it over and over it must be VERY important. Themes are born in repetitions. Investigate the following questions to determine the main point of chapter one. The stealing of our joy is accomplished by Satan in a con game that is played out in our minds. We have to focus and find the right things to concentrate on. If we do then we find joy in spite of circumstances.

Read Philippians 1:1-30 Take note of the chapter and paragraph titles on your worksheet #1. I have also made available to you a worksheet to take notes on Chapter 1

1. As you read the first chapter, jot down some of the reoccurring words. Philippians 1:3, 4, 9, 18, 19, 25, 26

2. What do you think Paul's main focus is in this chapter? Give reasons for your conclusions. Philippians 1:10

3. Do the words and actions of others ever affect the way you feel or the way you look at life? Philippians 1:15-19

4. Can we live a life with security and confidence that we are going to be ok no matter what happens? Philippians 1:27-30
