

PHILIPPIANS - 1:1-11

- 1) Distinctive Features of Philippians
- 2) Slaves and Bond-servants
- 3) Saints and Ain'ts
- 4) Overseers and Deacons
- 5) The Gospel

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TIMOTHY – BORN IN LYSTRA



The Oracle in Delphi



Das Orakel zu Delphi.

“Paul uses three thoughts in Philippians 1:1-11 that describe true Christian fellowship: I have you in my *mind* (Phil. 1:3-6), I have you in my *heart* (Phil. 1:7-8), I have you in my *prayers* (Phil. 1:9-11).”

~Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

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Phil 1:2, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

δοῦλος (Bond-servant) - (1:1) -

- 1) male slave as an entity in a socioeconomic context
- 2) one who is solely committed to another, *slave, subject*

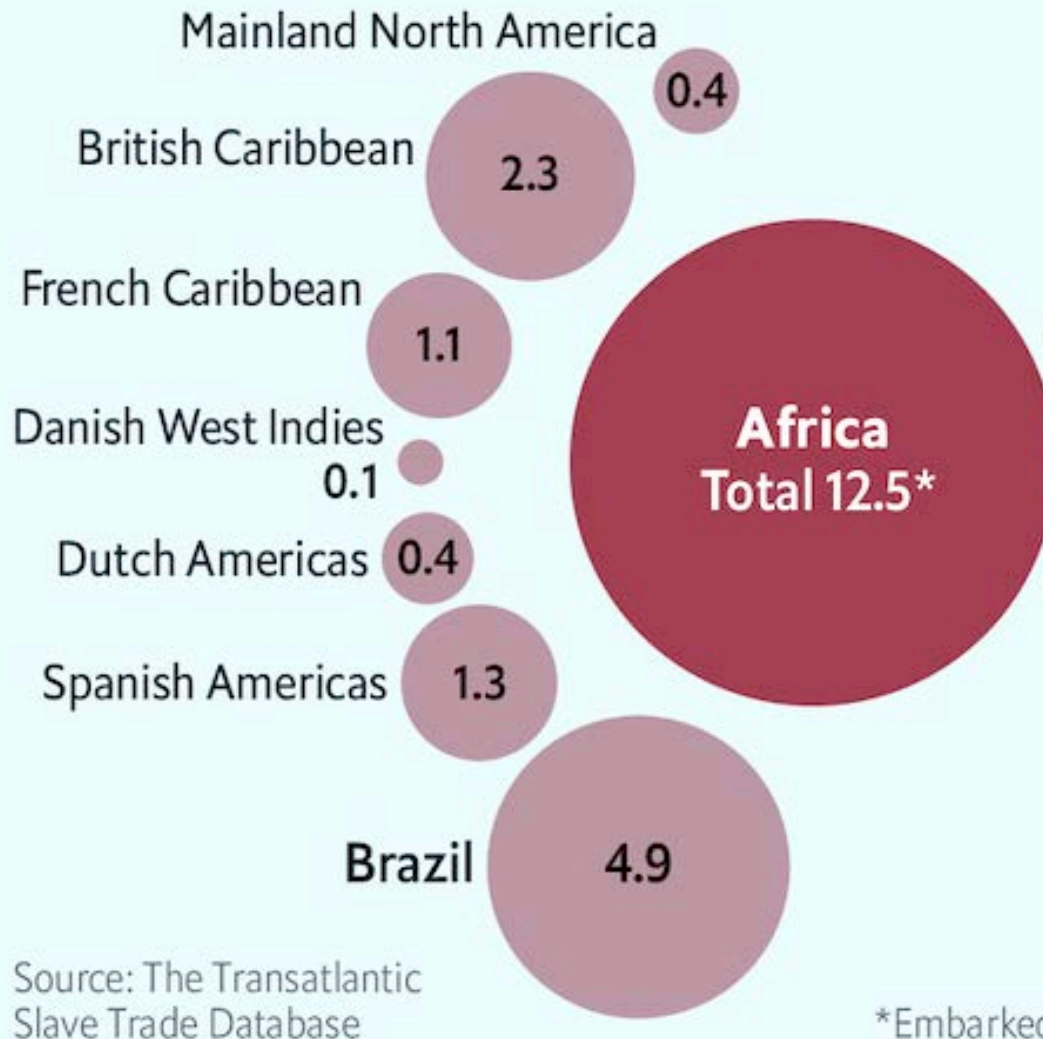
“Undoubtedly the background for the concept of being the Lord’s slave or servant is to be found in the Old Testament scriptures. For a Jew this concept did not connote drudgery, but honor and privilege. It was used of national Israel at times (Isa 43:10), but was especially associated with famous OT personalities ...”

~NET Notes

Of human bondage

Transatlantic slave trade from Africa, 1525-1866

By disembarkation region, estimates, m



THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

	Europe	Mainland North America	British Caribbean	French Caribbean	Dutch Americas	Danish West Indies	Spanish Americas	Brazil	Africa
1501-1525	452	0	0	0	0	0	8,923	0	0
1526-1550	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,534	0	0
1551-1575	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,671	2,461	0
1576-1600	188	0	0	0	0	0	84,242	26,814	0
1601-1625	85	0	567	0	0	0	117,709	156,468	0
1626-1650	0	100	26,639	545	0	0	61,482	163,938	172
1651-1675	1,281	3,970	86,770	16,746	52,190	0	32,292	204,575	2,457
1676-1700	1,615	11,077	196,501	21,394	71,967	18,146	14,021	259,475	493
1701-1725	158	39,303	280,470	82,147	53,413	8,059	37,856	423,161	0
1726-1750	3,968	106,671	357,150	212,325	73,051	4,515	17,435	468,690	516
1751-1775	1,090	118,822	580,824	309,733	118,145	18,271	21,030	476,010	428
1776-1800	23	30,687	594,879	390,929	50,606	37,763	69,212	621,156	1,373
1801-1825	0	77,613	183,701	63,517	25,355	17,223	254,777	1,012,762	32,224
1826-1850	0	91	10,751	22,880	0	5,021	333,781	1,041,964	99,908
1851-1875	0	413	0	0	0	0	163,947	6,899	17,998
Totals	8,860	388,747	2,318,252	1,120,216	444,727	108,998	1,292,912	4,864,373	155,569

<https://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2019/11/slavery-we-were-a-footnote.php>

ἅγιος (Saints) - (1:1) -

- 1) as adj. pert. to being dedicated or consecrated to the service of God**
- 2) used as a pure subst. the holy (thing, person)**

“The human family is divided into two groups: the *saints* and the *ain'ts*.”

~J. Vernon McGee

ἐπίσκοπος (Overseer) - (1:1) -

- 1) one who has the responsibility of safeguarding or seeing to it that something is done in the correct way, *guardian*
- 2) In the Gr-Rom. world ἐ. freq. refers to one who has a definite function or fixed office of guardianship and related activity within a group

διάκονος (Deacon) - (1:1) -

- 1) one who serves as an intermediary in a transaction, *agent, intermediary, courier*

- 2) one who gets something done, at the behest of a superior, *assistant* to someone

“In no other of his epistles did Paul address the elders and deacons of the church specifically in the salutation, as he did here. Perhaps they received special mention because Epaphroditus had come to Paul with money from the Philippian church (2:25), and or because friction existed within this church (4:2-3).”

~Tom Constable

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Phil 1:2, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Phil 1:3, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

Phil 1:4, “always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,

Phil 1:5, “in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.”

εὐαγγέλιον (Gospel) – 9 appearances

(1:5, 1:7, 1:12, 1:16, 1:27a,b, 2:22, 4:3, 4:15)

- 1) God's good news to humans, *good news* as proclamation
- 2) Details relating to the life and ministry of Jesus, *good news of Jesus*
- 3) A book dealing with the life and teaching of Jesus, a *gospel account* that deals with the life and teaching of Jesus

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ (GOSPEL) IN PHILIPPIANS

- 1) 1:5 - participation in the gospel
- 2) 1:7 - defense and confirmation of the gospel
- 3) 1:12 - greater progress of the gospel
- 4) 1:16 - defense of the gospel
- 5) 1:27a - conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ)

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ (GOSPEL) IN PHILIPPIANS

- 6) 1:27b - faith of the gospel
- 7) 2:22 - he (Timothy) served with me in the furtherance of the gospel
- 8) 4:3 - help these women (Euodia and Syntyche) who have shared my struggle in *the cause of* the gospel
- 9) 4:15 - first preaching of the gospel

Phil 1:6, “*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*”

Phil 1:7, “*For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.*”

Phil 1:8, “*For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.*”

Phil 1:9, “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,

Phil 1:10, “so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere (*pure*) and blameless until the day of Christ

Phil 1:11, “having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

εἰλικρινής, (Sincere?) - (1:10) -

to being sincere, without hidden motives or
pretense, pure

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Cilician Gates, Southern Turkey

