

Philippians Study: Having a Real Relationship with Jesus Part One: A New Purpose (Chapter 1)

Lesson 1: Philippians 1:1–11

1. Read the passage carefully several times.
2. Who is writing this letter, to whom is it addressed, and what is the opening greeting (1–2)? At this time, what is Paul's personal condition (7,12–13)?
3. Note the words that show us Paul's relationship with Christ (1a,6,8). What do these three verses reveal about a real relationship with Jesus (see also 2:1)?
4. Note the words that show us Paul's relationship with the Philippian Christians (3–5,7–8). How could he have such a relationship with them? What is his prayer for them, and why (9–11)?
5. What can we learn here about how to have a closer relationship with Jesus and with others? In light of this Bible study, what one thing can you do this week?