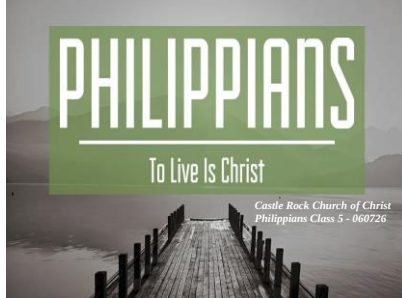


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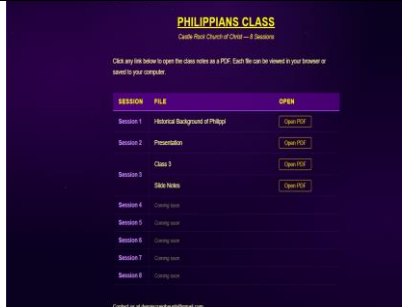
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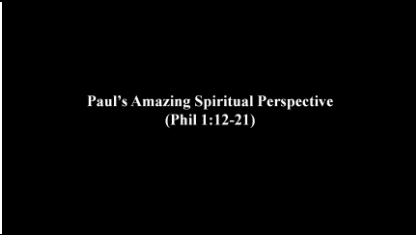
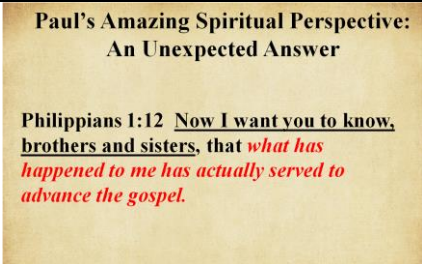
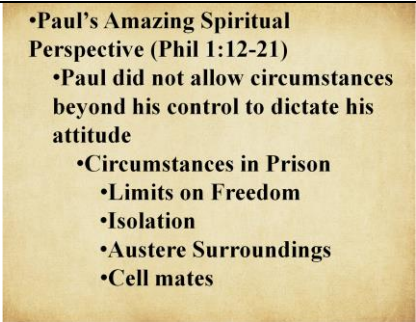


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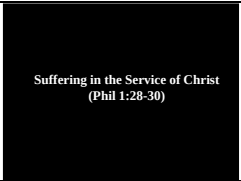
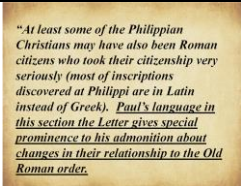
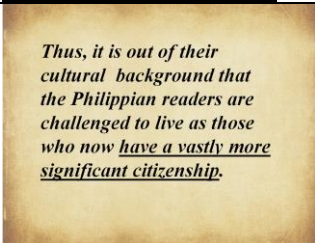
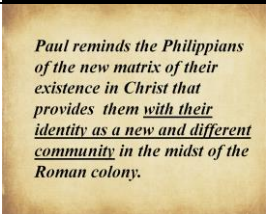
As I've said every week, I view Philippians as the User Manual

	teach us what kind of people we need to be in the Body of Christ
Slide 6	Let's do a quick review on where we are in the story.
Slide 7	Paul's Imprisonment The Philippians had received news that Paul was in Roman custody. I discounted the traditional view proposed by Jerome of Rome. While many scholars today still hold to this view, others disagree. In response to the news about Paul, the Philippian church displayed various needs in prison.
Slide 8	The text doesn't tell us about how Epaphroditus reacted when he arrived. We would say Paul's answer was unexpected. Philippians 1:12 <u>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has</u> <i>served to advance the gospel.</i>
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Slide 31	 <i>“At least some of the Philippian Christians may have also been Roman citizens who took their citizenship very seriously (most of inscriptions discovered at Philippi are in Latin instead of Greek). <u>Paul's language in this section the Letter gives special prominence to his admonition about changes in their relationship to the Old Roman order.</u></i>
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	<i>Paul reminds the Philippians of the new matrix of their existence and their new identity as a new and different community in the midst of the Roman order.</i>
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