



Philippi Freedom Ministry

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2024 Newsletter



Thank you so very much for your interest in *Philippi Freedom Ministry*. We are honored that so many would support our ministry with your prayers, volunteering, and grace gifts.

This has been a year of unbelievable grace from our Lord. In April and June of this year, I had the amazing opportunity to stand in the pulpit of Berachah Church and fill in for Robert B. Thieme, III. I taught "Witness for the Prosecution" on Easter Sunday, "The Tip of the Spear," and, finally, "Be a Leader." On Father's Day, I taught a special focused on husbands and fathers. It was an incredible honor to stand in the pulpit where so much Bible Doctrine has been taught for so many decades. Thank you, Bobby, so much!

Several times this past year I also had the great honor to once again fill in for my pastor, Joe Griffin, while he was away. I was able to finish my study on the letter of Jude, which I began in 2023. You can find those classes on our website if you are interested. It is always fun to have these opportunities to stand in Joe's pulpit.

In October, Joe also officially ordained me "into the Gospel Ministry." It had been in the works for several years and Joe wanted to make sure there was a formal ceremony at Grace Doctrine Church before he retired from his shepherding duties. It was a wonderful event and I am so appreciative of everyone who contributed to make it happen as well as those who came to town to celebrate the occasion.

Of course, our ministry continued to provide Bible Study to **over 3,100 inmates** across the United States. We have grown our group of studies using Rick Hughes's Berachah messages, as well as his FLOT Line messages. Now we are adding classes I taught at Grace Doctrine Church and at Berachah Church. We now have over 120 lessons available and will continue to add to those. We currently have several inmates who are on lessons over 115 with our DVD and mp3 groups are running very smoothly. I must also thank all those who volunteer their time and talents to grade tests, in addition to those who manage the mailings and printing to ensure everything is handled professionally and timely. Our inmates having Bible Doctrine to study is our top priority. We continue to support Chaplains with books, media players, DVDs, and MP3s. We provide books for Chapel libraries, and we support some chaplains with other helpful study materials and items.

Travel was just as crazy this year as any year before. On a couple of occasions I was on the road 28 days in a row. My trips took me to California, Nebraska, Tennessee, Virginia, South Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, Connecticut, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, and all over Missouri and Illinois. It looks like 2025 will be just as busy.





After several years of the door being shut, the Lord paved a way for us to put some Bible studies (both video and mp3) on the new inmate tablets. It was costly but, as always, the Lord provides. We have uploaded lessons to the inmate tablets from Joe Griffin, Rick Hughes, and myself. This opened the door to 1,097 prisons (they have come online over the last 8 months) and jails across America, with 185 more to come online in the next three months. To date, we have had over 14,550 inmates open these online Bible Studies. As we have had more prisons and jails come online the last 30 days, this number continues to climb at a steady pace. Please pray for this initiative as we are adding more classes to the ones we already have uploaded. This is very exciting and we're honored to be on the ground floor of this project.

I completed two Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation Spiritual Retreats since the last newsletter, and the one just completed in early November 2024 had the best response of any I have ever participated in. Many individuals responded with phone calls before I even returned to St. Louis wanting to get started listening to the basics and growing in grace. All I can say about this weekend is "WOW." There is, in fact, positive volition all over this great country, and I hope you will find this as encouraging as I do.

We continue to send out our book "Grace Throughout Life," and we are grateful God is using it. We are finalizing our new book, "Eternal Security," and hope to go to print by the end of the year. I'm very excited about this book, as it makes our eternal security so clear in a short concise book. Please keep this project in your prayers, as well.

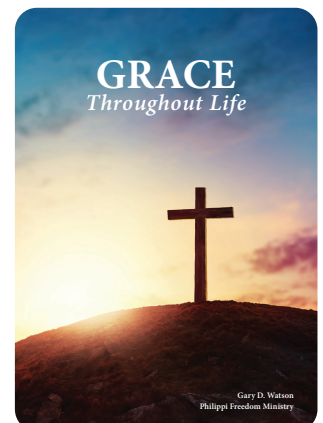
Inmates continue to stick with Bible Doctrine after their release and that is so encouraging. They continue to stay in touch and grow in grace daily, and it is fun to read their emails and texts before and after I have the opportunity to fill in for Pastor Griffin or Pastor Thieme. Knowing they listen is an extra special treat for me.

As I look ahead to 2025, I'm very excited to see what the Lord will do with our ministry. The continued growth of our presence on the inmate tablets and their positive volition to search out and find our Bible studies and that they would respond positively to them. I solicit your prayers for open doors, stamina, wisdom, guidance, and logistics as God uses this ministry to provide accurate Bible Teaching of His word and to give the good news of the Gospel of Faith Alone in Christ alone to those who are incarcerated. We will continue to stop through the doors He opens.

I would also ask that you remember those who study alone with us and are changing the way they think through the intake and application of God's word on a daily basis. They have the opportunity to have the best year of their life and pray that those who are positive to the accurate study of God's word that they would find our ministry so that we may feed that positive volition.

In His amazing grace,

Gary Watson





LETTERS RECEIVED

“Dear Mr. Watson, Sir I greatly appreciate the outstanding lessons. The information was right on time and gave me a better understanding. I pray daily for your ministry and I’m grateful that you are there for me. The lessons are a blessings and I’m learning a lot as I study. Again, I say thank you all.”

“These study courses you have sent over the last 4 plus years have altered the course of my life in a real and tangible way. Thank you for all you have done to enlighten my path.”

“Thank you, Philippi Ministries, for your guiding light and your contribution in my path to spiritual maturity. I am deeply grateful.”

“I work at a Sheriff’s Office and take care of inmate mail. Recently I came across your material. I would like to receive your studies if its possible. Again thank you for your time.”

“Mr. Watson thank you for your compassion towards us in prison. May God bless you richly and in abundance for showing love and concern and for getting this life changing information to the incarcerated.”

“Thank you, very much for all the time y’all put into these studies! They are so awesome, we (all the inmates in here) have learned so much!!”

“Greetings from Tennessee’s largest prison!! We are almost OUT of all the resources you sent me. We need a fresh batch. We LOVE this material!!”

“Tonight’s study was absolutely the best most informative session I have had the privilege of listening to. This answered so many questions for me that I was almost in tears. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

“Dear Gary and Philippi Ministries, Thank you for another great lesson and your unfailing commitment to service and evangelism. Though there are continuous trials, God’s grace and blessings’ abound. I thank God’s word interpreted through God-given pastor-teachers and brought by His evangelists for filling this sinner’s heart with His grace, righteousness, and light. May God continue to guide and direct your ministry. All the best through God’s unfailing grace and love!”

“I see you and your ministry as a grace gift. It is because of your ministry and the books you send that keeps my focus on “the things above not on earthly things.” Jesus Christ controls history. No matter how dark it is in our country, Bible Doctrine is the light that makes all the darkness go away. My hope and confidence is in the future (Phase 3) “my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

“I really appreciate these studies. Being able to apply the problem-solving devices is important to me. The more I study and learn Bible Doctrine then the better my life becomes. I meet people and circumstances armed with the FLOT Line. Thank you for providing these studies.”

“Thank you again for another amazing study! I love doing them. A wonderful blessing.”



Philippi Freedom Ministry presents the Gospel message of Faith Alone in Christ Alone and teaches basic Bible doctrines to those who are incarcerated

All materials are provided free of charge.

To the praise of the glory of His grace, which He
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
Ephesians 1:6.



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