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GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The Christian life is to be lived with a providentially provided power.
2. The commission to service, Matthew 28:18. (Power is promised)
3. The command to wait, Acts 1:24. (Power is provided)
4. The call for conversion Acts 1:21. (Power is providential)

HISTORICAL SETTING:

1. The Philippian church with a prayer meeting and baptismal service by a river, Acts 16:13-15.
2. The church meeting was in Lydia's home, Acts 16:15.
3. The community persecution was immediate following Paul casting out a demon from a slave girl, Acts 16:16-22. Her owners were prospering from her demonic ability to tell the future.
4. The first converts were the result of a prison prayer meeting, Acts 16:25-23. The whole prison keeper's family individually became believers and gave testimony to their faith in baptism. This was the first time the gospel entered Europe.
5. God envisioned a powerful church functioning from Philippi, the chief city of Macedonia, Acts 16:10. The city was founded by Philip, the father of Alexander the Great and became a prosperous, wealthy city. It now only exists in archaeological ruins.

SETTING FOR THE PHILIPPIAN LETTER:

1. Paul was in prison in Rome.
2. The Philippian church sent Epaphroditus to check on Paul's health and to deliver a gift of money to assist in his care, 2:25, 30; 4:10.
3. Epaphroditus became ill and almost died, 2:27, 30.
4. Epaphroditus recovered and returned carrying Paul's personal letter to the church.
5. Because of the church's support of Paul's missionary work and especially during his imprisonment, God would supply the church's needs, 4:19.

PAUL'S FINAL DESIRES:

1. That the church would remain separate from the world and its influence, 3:1-2.
2. That individual believers would never attempt to do the Lord's work with human abilities and without divine power, 3:3-6.
3. That he would know Christ more personally, 3: 7-9. (Christ first and everything else as nothing.)
4. That he would know Christ more powerfully, 3: 10-11. (Christ's death and resurrection power in daily conformity.)
5. That he would know Christ more passionately, 3: 12-14 (Christ as the single goal for living.)

APPLICATION:

God's power is available for all believers at all times and for all needs. It is waiting on our wanting!

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