

*Dearest Friends And Partners..*

*Philippians 1:1-11*



# The New Testament

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

*Philippians 1*

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

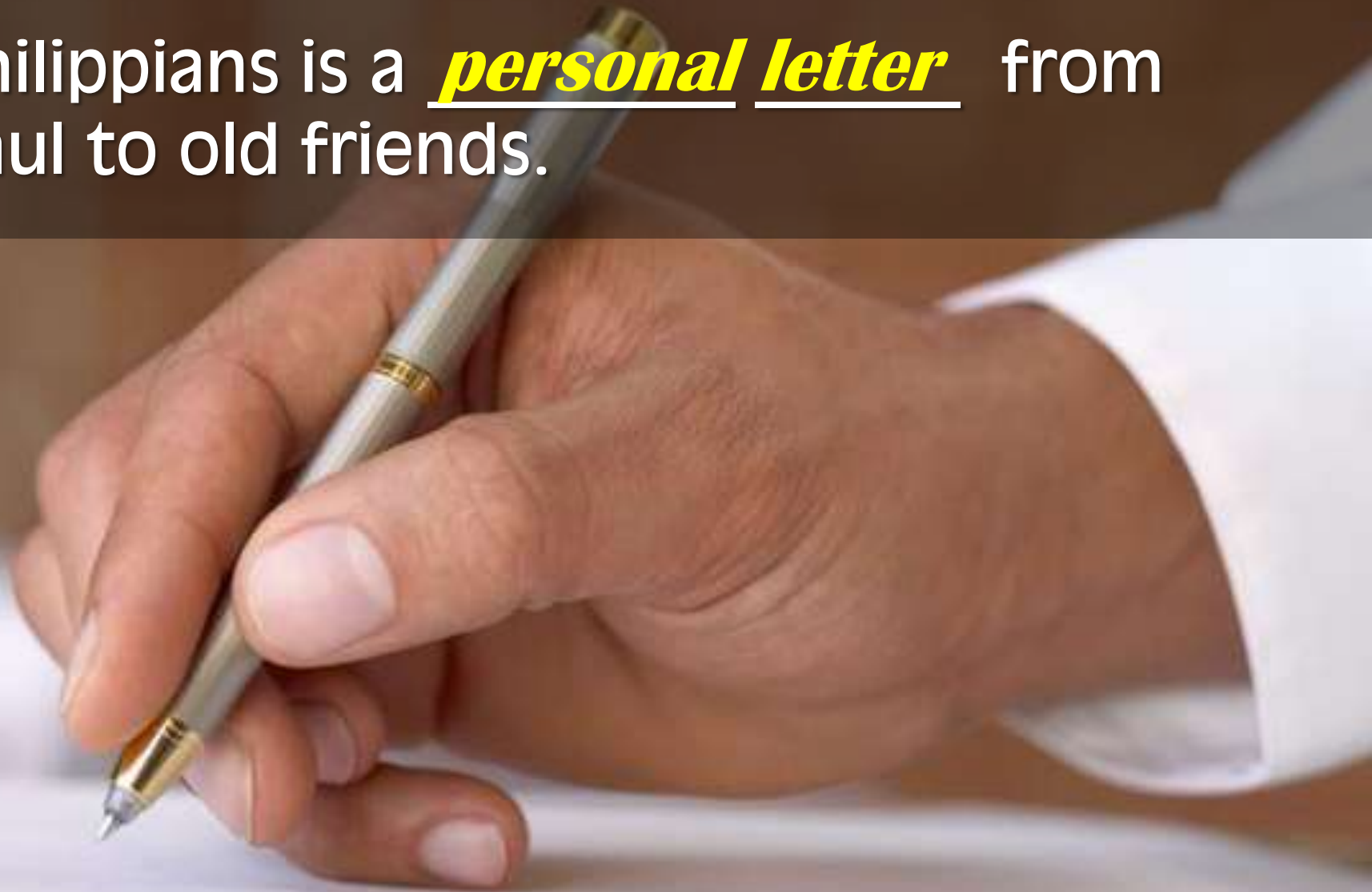
I, II & III John

Jude

Revelation

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Philippians is a **personal letter** from Paul to old friends.



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Because Paul was writing to old friends and partners:

I. He did not need to expound on what he referred to.

A. They had a 10 year relationship.

Acts 16:1-15...

B. Paul trusted these people.

He turned them loose to do the ministry ordained by God.

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Because Paul was writing to old friends and partners:

C. He *cared deeply* for them!

- He did not just pray God would *fix* their problems;
- He prayed with joy that they would be loosed to *represent Jesus* in Philippi.
- He prayed with *confidence* .

What God begins, and we cooperate with, God *sees through* to completion.

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Because Paul was writing to old friends and partners:

II. Paul felt uniquely qualified in his love for them.

A. It is right for me to FEEL this way about all of you! I have you in my heart!

B. Whatever I find myself doing for Jesus, wherever I find myself for Jesus, you are sharing it with me.

C. Paul “longed for them with the affection of Christ Jesus.”

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Because Paul was writing to old friends and partners:

III. His prayer for them was specific with a purpose.

A. That their love would multiply.

Knowledge + insight is righteously dangerous !

B. So that:

You know what is God's best and do it;

You are filled with the fruit of righteousness;

And your life is lived for the glory and praise of God.

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*Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again: REJOICE!*