

Let this mind be in you...

Study 1

I thank my God upon
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“We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the ecclesias of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favour of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.”

2 Corinthians 8:1–8 (RSV)



Macedonia

Berea

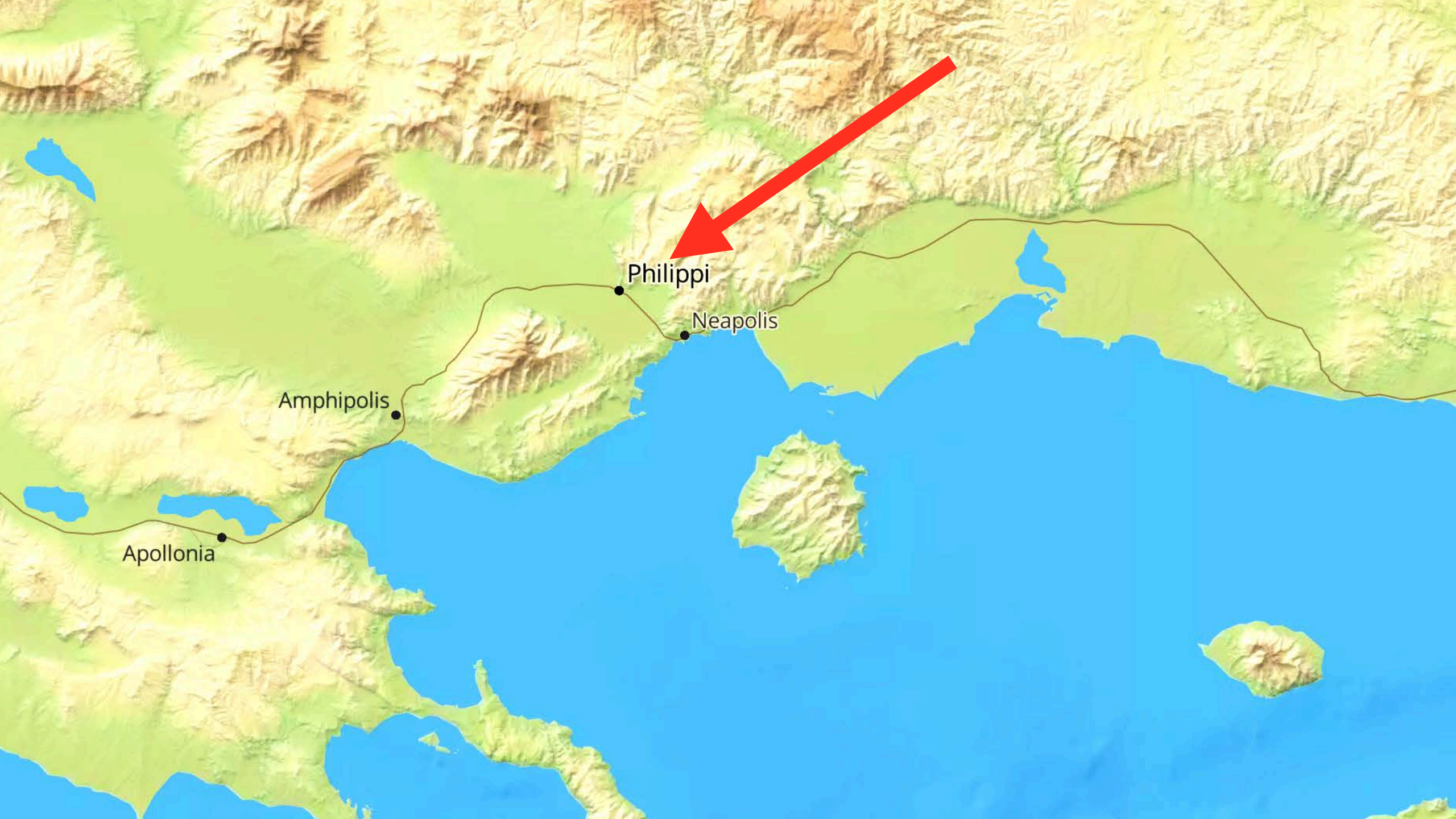
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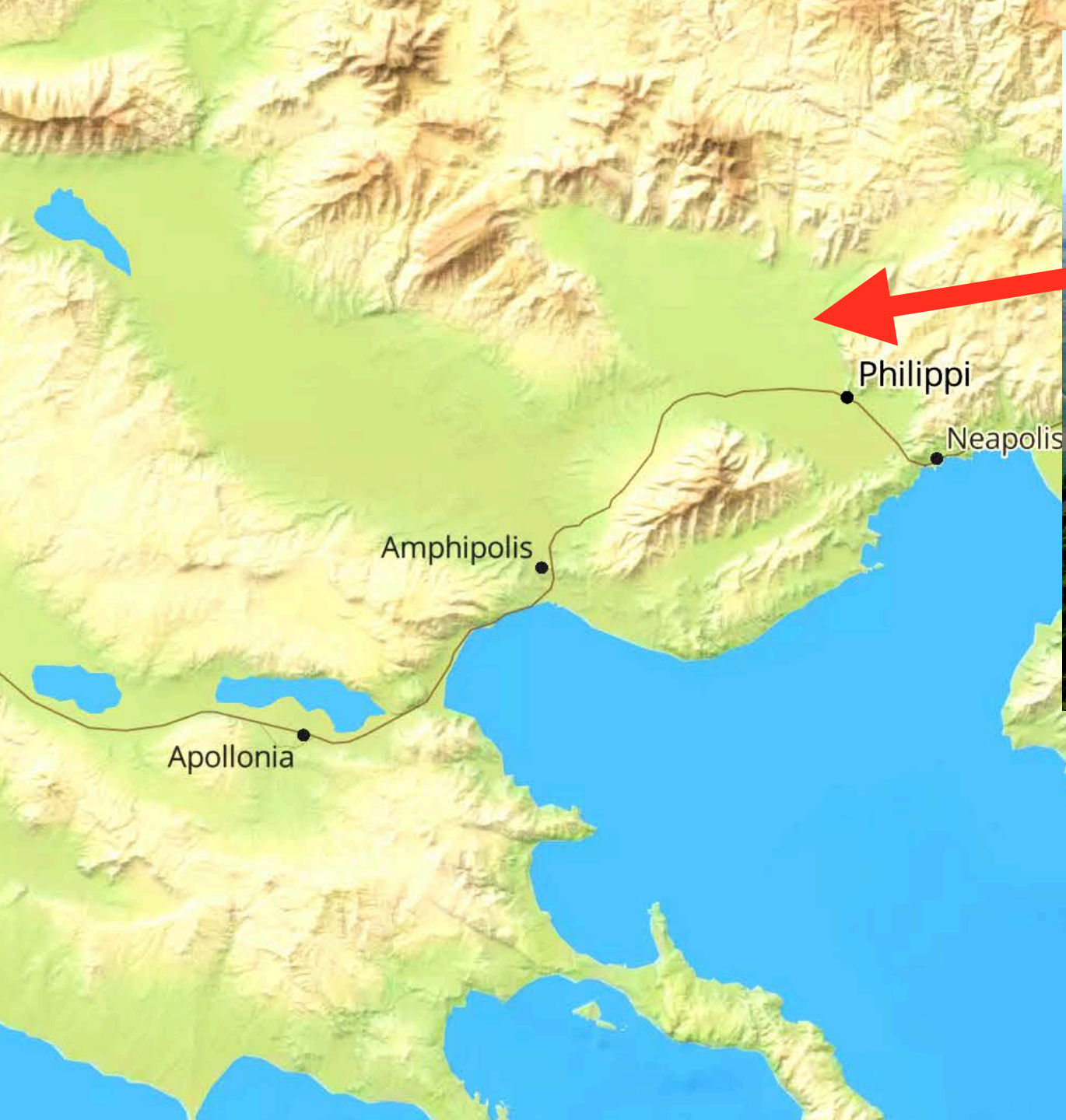


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- 2:17 The sacrifice and service of your faith

Key Words

- **You all** 1:4,7 (2x),8, 25; 2:17, 26; 4:23 — *8 times*
- **Joy** 1:4,18;25; 2:2,17,18,28, 29; 3:1,3; 4:1,4,10 — *13 times*
- **Fellowship/partnership** (koinonia) 1:5,7; 2:1; 3:10; 4:14,15 — *6 times*
- **Jesus Christ, Christ Jesus, Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus, Lord** 1:1(2x), 2,6,8,10,11,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,23,26,27,29; 2:1,5,10,11,19,21,29,30; 3:1,3,7,8 (2x),9,12,14,18,20; 4:1,2,4 (2x),7,10,13,19,21,23 — *48 times*
- **In Christ, in the Lord, or in him etc** 1:1,8,12,26; 2:1,5,10,19,24; 3:1,3, 9,14; 4:1,2,4,7,10,13,19,21 — *21 times*
- **The day of (Jesus) Christ** 1:6,10;2:16 — *3 times*

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- **Bonds** 1:7,13,14,16 — *4 times*
- **Gospel** 1:5,7,12,17,27 (2x); 2:22; 4:3,15 — *9 times*
- **Account/esteem** 2:3,6,25; 3:7,8 (2x) — *6 times*
- **Abound** 1:9,26; 4:12 (2x),18 — *5 times*
- **Confidence/trust/persuaded** (*peithō*) 1:6,14,25; 2:24; 3:3,4 — *6 times*
- **Think** *phroneō* (mindset) 1:7;2:2,5; 3:15 (2x), 16,19; 4:2,10 (2x) — *10 times*
- Words beginning with **sun** (*with, together*) as in Syntyche (*suntiche*)
- Words beginning with **eu** (*well, good*) as in Euodia



Key Themes

- **Unity**
- **Humility/servitude**
- **Continual growing**
- **Modelling**
- **Motivation**

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Expansion of verses 3–5

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all,

because:

I have you in my heart;

inasmuch as:

(both in my bonds,

and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel,)

ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all
in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

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Expansion of verse 6

9 And this I pray,

that

your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent;

that ye may be

sincere and without offence **till the day of Christ;**

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness,

which are by Jesus Christ,

unto the glory and praise of God.

“<At all times, in every’ supplication of mine,
in behalf of you all’> || With joy ||
| my supplication | making”

Philippians 1:4 (Roth)

“I thank my God **always** on your behalf, for the
grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 1:4

διὰ τὸ ἔχειν με ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμᾶς
because the to have me in the heart you

Because I have you in my heart

OR

Because you have me in your heart

Reasons Paul feels justified for his feelings about them

Both:

1. In my bonds (“chains”)
2. In the defence and confirmation of the gospel

You ALL are sharers together with me of my grace



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- [Matt. 10:31](#) “Fear ye not therefore, ye are of **more value** than many sparrows.”

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2.Not causing to stumble [EXTERNAL]