

# Epistle to the Philippians

# The Epistle

- Prison letter, along with Philemon, Ephesians, Colossians.
- 60 A.D./Rome

# CHRIST AS IMAGE OF GOD

- 1:15; 1:19; 2:3  
--Contra "secret knowledge"/mystery religions
- "GOSPEL"—1:5; 1:7; 1:12;1:16; 1:27; 2:22
- "JOY"—1:3; 1:18; 2:17; 4:10
- Phil. 3

# The Christ Hymn

- Phil. 2:6-11: Formulated 10-15 years (or so) after Jesus' death:
  - Fully developed Christology:
    - Jesus was equal to God, emptied himself, became a man, humbled himself to die on the Cross...
  - To him belongs all the WORSHIP OF CREATION, THE ADORATION THAT GOD DEEMED, through Isaiah, WAS DUE TO HIM ALONE (Isa. 45:23).

# 1 Timothy

- 61/62 A.D. (Last writings before death)
  - “HOW TO BEHAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD”
    - ORDER AND STABILITY
    - Instructions for organizing and directing church.

## 3.14-15

**THE HOUSEHOLD is the controlling metaphor for entire letter.**

# Building up the Church

- Episkopos—3:4-5; 3:12  
(overseer)
- “Peaceable Community”—2:3-4; 3:7; 5:14; 6:1.
  - 2:11-15
  - 5:3-16 (widows); 6:1-2 (slaves)
  - Develop eusebeia (“godliness”)—2:2; 4:7-8; 6:3-6; 6:11
  - Against Greed and Financial Ambition 6:5-10; 17-19