

## Questions on the Letter to the Philippians and the one to Philemon

1. Which of the following *best describes the overall tone of the letter to the Philippians*?
  - a. Like Second Corinthians and the letter to the Galatians, this letter shows deep divisions between Paul and his readers.
  - b. The letter to the Philippians is unusually warm and friendly.
  - c. While the letter lacks the intense controversy that characterizes some of Paul's letters, the tone is still tense—characterized by disagreements and struggles to assert Paul's authority.
2. Who were *Euodia* and *Syntyche* (mentioned in Philippians 4:2—3)?
  - a. Two women who were Paul's coworkers in the gospel at Philippi.
  - b. Two men who helped Paul found the church at Philippi.
  - c. Two women who opposed Paul at Philippi.
  - d. Two men who traveled with Paul from Philippi to Thessalonica.
3. Which of the following best describes Paul's attitude toward his imprisonment in the letter to the Philippians?
  - a. Rather than being a barrier to the gospel, Paul's imprisonment has become an opportunity to spread the gospel, enabling Paul to preach to the imperial guard.
  - b. The imprisonment is the work of the devil, who has temporarily thwarted Paul's efforts to spread the gospel message.
  - c. The imprisonment has become a burden to the churches who must now concentrate on caring for Paul rather than devoting their full attention to the work of the gospel.
4. In chapter 2 of Philippians Paul includes an early Christian hymn. Which of the following *best* expresses the primary point Paul use this hymn to make?
  - a. The Philippian Christians should act with humility toward one another.
  - b. Death is not final.
  - c. The cosmic Christ is greater than any earthly power, even the elemental spirits of the universe.
5. In Paul's discussion of his former accomplishments (Philippians 3:4—11) he says that
  - a. he was blameless according to the Law
  - b. while he had tried the follow the Law, he had never succeeded in living up to its demands
  - c. he was a lowly sinner condemned by the Law

6. Which *best* expresses the point that Paul makes in his discussion of his accomplishments?
  - a. One must be extremely vigilant to keep all of the Law.
  - b. Paul has rejected Judaism in favor of Christianity.
  - c. Even the greatest of spiritual accomplishments seem worthless when compared to the wonders of relationship with Christ.
  
7. Who does Roetzel think Onesimus was? (Roetzel agrees with the overwhelming majority of scholars on this point.)
  - a. Onesimus was a slave who had run away and met Paul in prison.
  - b. Onesimus was of Paul's coworkers at Philippi.
  - c. Onesimus was the founder of the church at Colossae.
  
8. What does Paul request for Onesimus?
  - a. That the members of the church in Philemon's house prevent Philemon from punishing Onesimus
  - b. That Philemon pay Onesimus for the service he had rendered to Paul in prison
  - c. That Philemon treat Onesimus like a beloved brother rather than a slave