

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 24-25, 2001

Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Philippians 1:3-8

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Paul was thankful for his memories.

When Paul looked on the Philippian church in a general sense all that he could see were good things.

The Philippians effectively erased Paul's tape of negative memories by loving him and the Lord.

When we hear the expression "love covers a multitude of sin" we should not think of it as promoting a passivity toward perceived sin in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ but rather we should think of it as condemning a spirit of retaliation.

I do not believe that Paul's statement concerning the Philippians has to do so much with God's love flowing from Paul to the Philippians. Rather I believe it has much more to do with God's love flowing from the Philippians to Paul. Paul was loved by the Philippians in very practical ways. They supported his person. They supported his ministry. They supported his cause. We will see this throughout the study of this epistle.

You are not responsible for how others at Valley Bible love you. But you and I are responsible for how we love our brother and sisters in Christ.