

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for June 2-3, 2001

"Paul's Prayer for Abounding Love"

Philippians 1:9-11

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In his prayer for the Philippians Paul prays for one thing, "that their love would abound more and more in real knowledge and all discernment .

But why did Paul pray what he prayed for?

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Paul prayed what he prayed so that they might be able to approve the things that are excellent or in other words they would be able to see the very best way to express the love of God.

Paul prayed what he prayed in order that they might be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.

The day of Christ Jesus relates wholly to the reward and blessing of church saints at His coming which is commonly referred to as the rapture (1 Corinthians 1:8; 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; Philippians 1:6; 2:16).

The word "sincere" (EILIKRINES) means unmixed , without alloy.

The word "blameless" (APROSKOPOS) I believe is best understood in the passive sense meaning "without stumbling It is referring to a person who is careful to avoid tripping over obstacles that may be placed in his way.

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The fruit of righteousness, this sincere and blameless life, comes as an outflow of our life in Christ. It comes as an outflow of Christ's love abounding more and more in real knowledge and all discernment in and through them.