

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from May 19-20, 2001**

**"Paul's Prayer for Abounding Love"**

**Observing the text**

How does Philippians 1:3-8 fit with Philippians 1:9-11?

List the various requests that Paul prays on behalf of the Philippians in 1:9-11?

Read Galatians 1:4:19; Ephesians 4:13,15; and Colossians 1:28 and explain how the requests in Philippians 1:9-11 fit with the statements that the objective that Paul states in these various verses.

Is the sequence of Paul's various requests in Philippians 1:9-11 significant?

**Applying the sermon**

Paul chose to focus his prayer on love. What has been the focus of your prayers? Why have you chosen that focus?

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Why does Paul go on to add "in real knowledge and all discernment?" Think of situations where Christians may have failed to love in this way.

What decisions are you presently facing? How should you pray in for those situations in light of this passage?

What difficulties are other Christian brothers and sisters that you know facing? How should you pray for those situations in light of this passage?