

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from May 26-27, 2001

Praying For the Essentials

Observing the text

What do you believe that Paul means by "excellent?" How does this fit in with the context?

What do you believe that Paul means by "sincere and blameless?" How does this tie in with "approving the things that are excellent?"

Why does Paul mention the Day of Christ for the second time in this chapter?

What is the final result of this sequence and how should this understanding minister to the way we approach our lives?

Applying the sermon

Are you examining the various parts of your life and passing value judgments on their ultimate worth?

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What is the basis of that examination? Is the basis of your examination consistent with Philippians 1:9?

Using Philippians 1:9 as a basis for evaluation of the various parts of your life, would the various choices that you are presently making be "excellent?"

As you examine the choices that you are making in light of the teachings of Philippians 1:9-11, are you more or less assured of your salvation? Explain your answer.