

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: "A Passion for People"*
Short Ver. Title: Prayer 05
Series Title*: Prayer
Text: 1 Thes 3:9-13
Key Words: Prayer

Message Outline

"A Passion for People"*
Spiritual Reformation, Chapter 5

- I. Paul's Prayer: A Product of Passion for People (2:17-3:8)*
 - A. What Gives Rise to Paul's Prayer
 - B. What Paul's Prayer Does and Does Not Seek
 - C. What Delights Paul about People
 - D. Summarizing Paul's Regard for People
- II. Paul's Prayer: A Continuing Passion for People (3:9-13)*
 - A. Paul Thanks God and Encourages People (9)
 - B. Paul Seeks Opportunity to Personally Supply What People Lack (10-11)
 - C. Paul Asks God to Increase People's Love (12)
 - D. Paul Asks God to Strengthen Hearts Now so that People Will Be Blameless Then (13)
- III. Our Prayer: Learning from Paul
 - A. Our "Want To"
 - B. Our "To Do"

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- 1 Thes 2:17 - 3:13
- Acts 17:1-9

Consider & Discuss* (Be Transformed!)

- "In what ways does Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 show his passion for people?"
- "Set yourself the task of faithfully praying for a Christian (or Christians) for whom you do not now pray. After you have been at it a few months, tell the person you are doing so -- and then keep on doing so"
- **Community Group Discussion:** "According to this passage, what is Paul's source of joy? What is yours? How is your source of joy likely to be related to what we pray for?"

Memory & Meditation Verse

"Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you; so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints." 1 Thes 3:11-13

Community Life

- Nurture your prayer life in community!

Next Sunday

Romans 15:14-21, Looking Back

*Titles and Discussion Questions from D. A. Carson's *Spiritual Reformation* Chapter 5.