

Philippians 1:9-11

Love Abounding

I. The “What” of Paul’s Prayer

A. Love Grows Up

B. Love Grows Up in Knowledge

1) Knowing and Living It Out

II. The “Why” of Paul’s Prayer

A. Results for Today

B. Results for Christ’s Day

Praxis

1. Consider Paul’s experience under Roman house arrest. What would you pray for in such circumstances? How do Paul’s prayers encourage you in difficult circumstances?
2. In which one of these three do you see the need for the most growth: walking in love, growing in knowledge, or applying discernment? What might you do to seek God’s help and grow in that area?
3. What things in your weekly Christian life are essential or excellent? What things are good but not essential? How might you press yourself to prioritize “what is excellent” this week?
4. Is there any fruit in your life—activities, deeds, sufferings, etc.—that you are looking forward to presenting to God as fruit of righteousness on the day of Christ? What things have helped you to keep an eternal perspective about your life?