

## GSM

### Philippians chapter 1:7-11

#### I. Chapter 1:7

##### A. It is right for me to think this way

1. The fruit of the Philippians lives and giving showed forth proof that God started a work in them which was a sure sign that God would finish it.

##### B. I have you in my heart

1. The High Priest carried upon his breast 12 jewels which represented all the tribes or people of God. He carried them before God in intercession.

2. Paul carried on the ministry of Jesus Christ on their behalf by carrying them to God in continual prayer.

##### C. The Philippians partnered with Paul

1. In his imprisonment

2. In the defense and confirmation of the gospel

a. **defense**- Gr. *apologia*- apology- reasoned defense of a position

b. **confirmation**- Gr. *bebaisios*- establishment

3. Those church members who were legal citizens of Rome endangered their position by identifying themselves and aiding Paul.

4. Sometimes we must stick our neck out in support of others.

#### II. Philippians 1:8

##### A. Paul greatly longed for the Philippians

1. **longed**- Gr. *epipotheo*- very intense longing that demands to be satisfied.

##### B. In the bowels of Jesus Christ

1. **bowels**- Gr. *splanchnon*- inner parts of the belly, intestines- guts!  
Try telling your wife or girlfriend that you long for them with all your intestines!

2. This was figurative for loving someone with the deepest part of you.

3. What a transformation God has made in this man Paul. He used to be a Pharisee and looked down on other Jews not to say what he thought of Gentiles! They used to by scum to him. But now his heart has been so transformed by Christ's love that he is longing for a Gentile church!

4. If you have trouble loving people you have not spent enough time with the Lover of men's souls.
5. The world will know us as Christ's disciples by our love- **[John 13:35]**

### III. **Philippians 1:9-11**

A. Vs. 9 -In these verses we see a prayer of Paul. The prayers of Paul are great outlines of prayer and contain great principles.

B. The first thing Paul's prays for the Philippians is that their **love would abound**

1. He prays concerning love because of the disunity in the congregation.
2. Love is the binding virtue of unity
  - a. **[Col. 3:14]**- Love is the perfect bond of unity
3. **In all knowledge**- knowledge comes from God's Word
4. **In all judgment**- This word means perception or senses- This comes by the Holy Spirit

C. Our love will abound in the channel formed by knowledge of the Word and discernment from the Holy Spirit.

D. Example- A Christian brother who refuses to work asks for your support. Without knowledge of the Word you will keep supporting this brother because you love him but you really are not helping him and you are violating the scripture which says- If one does not work he should not eat. **[2 Thess. 3:10]**

E. Example- A beggar comes and asks you for \$20.00. You give it to him because you should love him but he takes the money down to the liquor store and gets drunk. Because you are not open to the leading of the Holy Spirit you may have missed that he was a crook or that you should have taken him to get something to eat.

F. Vs. 10- **That you may approve the things that are excellent**

1. **approve**- Gr. *dokimazo*- test in order to approve
2. **excellent**- Gr. *diaphero*- things that differ
3. This means to be able to know and choose the best option out of many possible ones
  - a. **that we be sincere**- Gr. *eilikrines*- purity- judged by the light-pots were brought out into the light to see if it was free from flaws.
    - 1a. Our lives are meant to stand up to the scrutiny of the light
    - 2b. Walking in love will keep us in the light with nothing to hide. Love will keep us from stumbling into sin

b. **without offense**- not causing to stumble- When we walk in love we will not cause any to stumble

c. When we are confronted with people actions and attitudes towards us we are faced with many options in response. Knowledge of the Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit will help you make the best one!

G. Vs. 11- **Being filled with the fruits of righteousness**

1. **having been filled**- Gr. pleroo- Perfect participle- Takes place before abounding in love , approving the things that differ, and being pure. A revelation of righteousness leads to love and purity.

2. **fruits of righteousness**- Fruit comes from a root. The fruit of righteousness comes from the root of righteousness planted by God within our spirits.

3. The love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts. The righteousness given to us by Christ leads the way for the love of God.

4. An understanding of righteousness which is by Jesus Christ will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in our lives- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self control.