

## **Paul's Passionate Prayer for God's People (Philippians 1:9-11)**

- Ex 3:7-8; Matt 6, 5,7; James 4:2-3

### **I. Paul Prays for What Christ Wants for You: Abounding Love (1:9)**

➤ *Love abounding in selfless giving*

(Rom 5:8; Eph 5:2; Gal 2:20; John 3:16; 1 John 3:16, 17; 1 Thess 3:12-13)

➤ *Love constrained by discerning wisdom*

### **II. Why Paul Prays for Christ's Wise Love in Us: 3 Blessed Effects (1:10,11)**

4) *They will approve what is excellent (10a)*

(Matt 2:37-39; 12:12; Rom 14:1-12; Phil 3:15,16; Eph 4:13)

5) *They will become pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness (10b-11)*

("blameless" Acts 24:16 – NASB; 1 Cor 10:32; Phil 1:10)

6) *Their transformation will contribute to the greatest goal imaginable: to the Glory and praise of God (11b)*

### **III. How Jesus Gives Discerning Love: For His Father's Glory (1:11)**

- All of takes place in & through Jesus Christ "**which are by Jesus Christ**"
- Paul mentions Christ x 7 :x2 in v 1 and then x 1 in vvs 2, 6, 8, 11
- In the next few verses. Paul speaks of preaching Christ x3 in vv 15,17,18
- Soon after he will affirm "For me to live is Christ & to die is gain" (1:12)
- Late in Phil 3:8,9 Paul explains why Christ is all in all
- God fills us : Fruit of all righteousness through Jesus Christ for His glory