

***Abounding in Love***  
**Philippians 1:9-11**

Main Point:

For the glory of God and by the power of Jesus Christ, abound in love as you await the Great Day.

1. Like the Philippians, your love for God and for others must abound more and more. (v. 9a)

2. In order for your love to abound, it must be cultivated by knowledge and discernment. (vv. 9b-10a)

3. As your love abounds, you will become increasingly pure and blameless for the Great Day. (vv. 10b-11a, 6)

4. Your love will only abound because of the power of Jesus Christ working in you. (v. 11b)

5. Because of Jesus' work in you, your abounding love will bring glory and praise to God. (v. 11c)

**Quotes and Cross-References:**

**Matthew 22:37-40** <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> "This is *the* first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> "And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (NKJV)

**John 14:21a** <sup>21</sup> "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. (NKJV)

**Sinclair Ferguson** "There is no end to love. It can never say 'I have done enough.'"

**Walter Hansen** "Knowledge of Christ multiplies love."

**Romans 12:2** <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV)

**Walter Hansen** "Without [discernment], love does not know how to express itself with actions and words that are appropriate to each situation of life."

**Sinclair Ferguson** "As we allow the way we think and feel to be influenced by God's Word, our own responses to emerging situations will become increasingly molded by the mind and will of God."

**WSC 1** What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.