

Philippians 1:1-11

Thinking – Attitude – Actions

Opening greeting and Introduction: 1:1-8

:1 *Bondservants*: doulos =

:2 *Grace*: “It is hardly too much to say that God has in no word uttered Himself and all that is in His heart more distinctly than in this.” – Wuest

:3-6 God always finishes what He starts.

:7-8

First exhortations to living Godly: 1:9-11

Affection resulting in prayer:

[Free food - Paul's prayer passages and what he was praying for: Eph. 1:17-23, 3:14-21, 6:18 *give wisdom, eyes opened, strengthened, Christ may dwell, know love*. Col 1:9-11, 4:2-6: *filled with knowledge of His will, walk worthy, increasing in knowledge, strengthened*. 1 Thess. 1:2-3, 3:11-13: *thanksgiving, direction, increase in love, established in holiness*. 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 3:10: *complete His work in and through us, glory*. Romans 1:9-13: *encouragement*. 1 Timothy 2:1-8: *pray for leaders, always to pray*. Philemon 1:4-6: *thanks, good witnesses*.]

His prayer for them:

- Love (agape) abounding but directed and guided by:
 - Knowledge: *epignosis*
 - Discernment:

- Love, so guided, allows one to:
 - *approve things that are excellent*
 - *Approve:*
 - *Be sincere and without offense*
 - *Sincere:*
 - *Without offense:*
 - *Till the day of Christ:*
- Resulting in “*Being filled with the fruits of righteousness*”.
- Resulting in *glory and praise to God*, which is the goal.