

Discernment – What Really Matters

(Philippians 1:3-11 nlt) (9,10 nkjv)

Discernment – the ability to perceive, understand, and judge things clearly, the ability to tell things apart, the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong.

Discernment is learning to think God's thoughts after Him. Discernment is the wisdom of God.

- Paul's prayer to the Philippians church, was that their love will overflow more. And that they would keep on growing in knowledge and understanding so they can understand what really matters
- **So what really matters?** To live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ return
- Discernment is to judge things clearly. The ability to tell things apart. Jesus even tells the Jewish leaders to look beneath the surface to judge correctly **(John 7:14-24 nlt)**
- Jesus is trying to tell them to discern what really matters
- Because Jesus is returning. We need discernment to remain pure and blameless when he returns **(2 Peter 3:14-16 nlt)**
- Before the foundation of the world God chose us to be Holy and without blame in his sight **(Ephesians 1:3-6 nkjv)**
- Because he has adoptive us as sons. We should do all things without grumbling or disputing. That we may be blameless and innocent children of God **(Philippians 2:12-18 nlt)**

- What Really Matters is, the finish work on the cross. Because of Christ death we stand Holy and blameless in his presence.
- And we need discernment to continue to believe that truth so we don't drift away (**Colossians 1:19-23 nlt**)
- David the psalmist writes that obeying Gods word is how you stay pure (**Psalms 119:1-16 nkjv**)