

Philp 1:8-17
"Prayer for Love"

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1. Introduction

a. Philippi city in Macedonia
Greece.

b. 1 Cor 13:13 New faith, hope, &
charity (love) remains. But the
greatest of these is charity

2. Growing Love

a. Quality of our love

- charity = agape love/self sacrifice

b. Capacity of our love

- for all Christians

- joint effort with God & Christian
to grow in Christ (Philp 2:11-12)

- love your enemies (Mt 5:44,
Lk 6:27)

3. Guided Love

a. Bounded love

- bound (fenced) by truth

- boundaries set by God

- love not based on lies

b. Love in God Himself

- God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16)

- God is light (1 Jn 1:5)

c. Satan changes himself like an
angel of light (2 Cor 11:14)

- his ministers also appear
as ministers of righteousness
(2 Cor 11:15)

d. Biblical knowledge

- Jesus to Jesus Saul: preach
to ~~pe~~ open people's eyes &
turn them from Satan (Acts 26:18)

- 3d (con't)
- Satan blinds people's minds that Jesus is image of God (2 Cor 4:4)
- 3e. Spiritual discernment
- Jesus, "I am the light of the world"
(Jn 8:12)
4. Glorifying Love
- Be filled with fruit of righteousness
 - This righteousness to God's praise & glory
 - 4 gospels are the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- (Mk 1:1)
 - Declare to you the gospel
 - * Christian saved by the gospel
 - * Delivered to you
 - * According to the Scriptures
 - x Christ died for our sins
 - x Christ was buried
 - x Christ rose again the 3rd day (came alive from dead)
 - x Christ seen alive again by over 500 people, 11 Apostles, & last of all by Paul
 - * 1 Cor 15:1-8
 - Gospel must first be preached to all nations (Mk 13:10)
 - In Paul's day, gospel preached to Jews & Gentiles
 - Growing love
 - Corrie Ten Boom - when God gives command to love your enemies, He gives you the love to do so
 - * when she saw former prison guard where her sister died
 - Guided love
- 1 Jn 4:19