

TOWARD A RADICAL UNITY

TRU-13 “Excellent; Sincere; and Blameless”

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PHIL 1:9-11 “And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰⁾ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹⁾ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Paul’s desire for the Believers is that they “*abound in Love... “to the Glory and Praise of God.”*” The “progress” by which they will be able to advance toward this goal is what makes up the body of this prayer.

NOT GOOD... NOT BETTER... BUT BEST...

Vs 10A [So that you] “May Approve...” – [Dokimazo] – To act upon what has been “Determined” as effectives / productive / able to accomplish the goal

The translation as “approve” can lead to a misunderstanding... it is NOT as if we are evaluating whether we like it... or agree to it...

- “May...” expresses that THIS is the “goal” of the desired “Knowing and Discernment”
- Better thought of as “*may demonstrate having determined*” ... It is “determine” how to demonstrate that Love to God and Others...

THIS is what Paul desires as he prays...

Vs 10B “[Display] what is Excellent...”

Excellent... – “Diaphero” – To carry through to a place of excellence... a superlative in comparison to what is good or right...

Therefore, as an essential element of “*Abounding in Love,*” Paul prays that the Believers don’t just seek what is acceptable or “good enough” but by “knowledge and discernment” they go forward to what is the “most excellent choice”

- Paul moves beyond “*abound more and more*” to another word altogether: “*to press through to what is the best choice*”
- This is not from our choosing what we think is good enough...
- But from God’s Love “abounding in and through us”
- From using the *Knowledge & Discernment* that comes from God...
- From our “*Determination*” to pursue what is excellent...

SINCERE AND BLAMELESS...

V10b “and so, to be sincere and blameless...”

Making the most excellent choice for the situation allows us to be

- “*Sincere...*” – “Heilikrings” – *Judged by the sun so as to discern what is true / pure* – genuine...

Opposite of “Hupocrites” – *obscure from judgement / to wear a mask*

The Love we display seeks to make the most excellent choice showing that our motive is true / genuine

It is easy to “make a show / act / feign Love ... but in the end it reveals itself “as fake” and may be harmful to the object of the “love”

- “*Blameless...*” – *To show our actions are from an honest / nothing hidden...* to act properly before others...
 - “*Sincere*” is internal and shows motive...
 - “*Blameless*” is external and observable to others...
 - It is not enough to “*desire the best*” or “*have a right motive*” if that is not “acted upon properly”

These words show that Paul’s prayer is that the Love he prays for is “NOT a show” but is “genuine in motive,” and “observable in display”

FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST...

Vs 10c “and so, to be sincere and blameless for “the Day of Christ”

Making the most excellent choice for the situation allows us to receive reward for our “acts of Love”

- *The DAY OF CHRIST...* – The “Rapture” – “Harpagmos” – *catching away... taken to oneself*...
 - When Jesus removes from the Earth ALL who are “*asleep in Him*” AND those who remain upon the earth that “*have believed in Jesus Christ*”
 - This is a Day of “rewards” before the “BEMA SEAT OF THE LORD” – Believers will receive reward for ALL they have done “through Jesus Christ”
- *The DAY OF THE LORD...* – The “2ND COMING” – *a day of Wrath upon which ALL unbelievers and enemies of God will be confined to Hades until the end of the “Millennium” and the DAY OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT*”

FILLED WITH THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...

Vs 11 ... [so to be] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Abounding in Love not only brings blessings for others in this life

But also brings rewards for us when on **"The Day of Christ"** when stand before Him

Filled with... – **"Plerog"** – To be filled full – used more for the condition than the volume – to have as much as is possible...

- The **"manner, the attitude, and the actions"** by which our **"Love"** is expressed is the key to our **"reward"**
- Seeking the **"best"** in our Love for others [Believers and Non-believers] with a **"sincere"** heart and in a **"blameless"** manner
BRINGS...

Fruits of righteousness... – production that is the result of the **"righteousness"** we received at the time of our **"New Birth"**

- An expression that could also be found in the phrases **"good works"** or **"works of faith"**
- External evidence of the **"righteousness that is within"**
- These are **"fruits of righteousness"** NOT **"fruit of the Spirit"**
- The **"Love"** we express as we are seeking what is **"the best"** ... results in: **"...the fruit that abounds to your account."** [PHIL 4:17]

Through Jesus Christ... ONLY through the inner working of Jesus Christ is this possible...

- **Unbelievers CANNOT love in this manner...**
- This **"fruit"** results in rewards because it is NOT from our nature OR **"in our own strength"** that it is accomplished...
- It is **"through Jesus Christ..."**
- **FOR** this reason, it brings forth **"glory and praise to God"**