



Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Series, Lesson 1
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Loving God With A Mature Love! (Philippians 1:1-11)

Outline of the Section:

- I. Paul/Timothy's greeting to the Philippian church (1-2)
- II. Paul's gratitude for the Philippian church (3-8)
- III. Paul's prayer for the Philippian church (9-11)

Today's Message:

1. Our love for God is supposed to grow and develop.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more..." (9)

2. Our love for God will grow and develop if we base our love for Him on true knowledge of His nature/character.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight..." (9)

3. When we meet and love God based on who He really is, we are inwardly transformed and therefore better prepared to make moral choices, develop a holy character, and think/act in ways that reflect the righteousness of Christ.

"...so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Christ—to the glory and praise of God." (10-11)

WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?

What Is It About God That You Love?

God loves first (John 3:16)
God extends grace (Rom. 3:24)
God offers the gift of eternal life. (Rom. 6:23)

God is faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9)
God is truthful (John 14:6)
God is compassionate and patient (Exodus 34:6-7)

God is omni-present (Psalm 139:7-10)
God is all knowing (1 John 3:20)
God is all powerful (Jeremiah 32:17, 27)
God is eternal (Psalm 90:2)
God is sovereign (Matthew 28:18)
God does not change (James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8)

God is holy (Revelation 4:8)
God is just (Psalm 89:14)

God gets angry (Deuteronomy 9:7-8; 29:23)
God hates (Psalm 5:4-6; Deuteronomy 16:22)
God pours out His wrath (Psalm 2:1-6; John 3:36)
God judges and destroys (Matthew 25: 26-30; Revelation 19)
God judges and rewards (Matthew 25:19-21)
God puts some to death (Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:27-30)
God allows pain and loss into the lives of His people (Job 1 & 2)
God rebukes and disciplines His people (Hebrews 12:5-11)
God is jealous (Exodus 20:5)
God is independent and does not need humanity (Acts 17:24-25)
God is not accountable to humanity (Job 38-41)
God created humanity for His glory and pleasure (Isaiah 43:6-7; Ephesians 1:5)

Do You Love All of God?

Is Your Love For God Based On The Facts About Him?