

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 12, 2021

Joy and Unity: Paul's Prayer for Love (Philippians 1:1-11)

Today we begin a new sermon series on Paul's wonderful letter to the Philippians entitled Joy and Unity. This letter is somewhat unique among his epistles because it reads much more like a personal letter to friends than some of his other writings such as Galatians and Corinthians. Two major themes of Philippians include the concepts of Joy and Unity, which are two things that are desperately needed in the world, and even the church, today.

In this morning's lesson, we will focus on the beginning of the letter where Paul offers a prayer that is focused on love (ἀγάπη / agape). Before he gets to the prayer in verse 9, he first explains:

For Whom He Prays (1-2) – "saints," "overseers," and "deacons" at Philippi

When He Prays (3-4) – "all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine"

How He Prays (4) – "making my prayer with joy"

Why He Prays (5-8) – "because of your partnership in the gospel"
"you are all partakers with me"

After this introduction, he then explains the specific things that he prays for, and all of these things are related to love (ἀγάπη / agape).

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"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love"

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AREA NEWS

- Relief for the Waverly community can be sent to Waverly Church of Christ: 438 West Main St Waverly TN 37185
- Hillcrest and Stroudsville Churches of Christ are hosting an area-wide youth devotional this afternoon at 5:00 beginning at Hillcrest

Agape love is much more than just a feeling, and Paul prays that their love will be characterized by four things:

A _____ (9) “more and more” - *Matt 22:34-40*

(Love God) *Exo 20:3-11; Deut 6:5; 10:12-13; 11:1; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 John 2:3-6; 3:10, 21-24; 5:2-3*

(Love Neighbor) *Exo 20:12-17; Lev 19:18; Rom 13:9,10; Jam 2:8*

A _____ (9) “with knowledge and all discernment” - *2 Tim 3:14-17*

A _____ (10) “approve what is excellent pure and blameless”
- *Phil 2:12-16; James 1:21, 27; Galatians 5:16-21*

A _____ (11) “filled with the fruit of righteousness”
- *Matt 7:15-20; 12:33-37; Galatians 5:22-23; 6:1-5*

Sermon Notes

PRAYER LIST

- **Mamie Hamilton** will have x-rays this week to diagnose her discomfort
- **John Hayes** is still in rehab but doing much better
- **George Terwilliger** is in ICU but stable
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett** and **Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (September 12, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Gupton
Prayer: L. Gregory

WORSHIP

Read: D. Billingsley
Wait On Table: M. Reed
Serve: J. Walker, S. Shatto, D. Demonbreun
Prayer: E. Walker