

## Until the Day of Christ

Philippians 1:7-11

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:1

<sup>3</sup>For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:3-4

<sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20

### A. Paul's **Pastoral Affection** (vs. 7-8)

1. Paul is **deliberate**. (vs. 7)

2. Paul is **passionate**. (vs. 8)

<sup>33</sup>*The people* saw them going, and many recognized *them* and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. Mark 6:33-34

<sup>1</sup>In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, <sup>2</sup>"I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance." Mark 8:1-3

He is moved to a key expression of Christian love, **prayer**.

<sup>11</sup>For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; <sup>12</sup>that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. Romans 1:11-12

### B. Paul's **Pastor Petition** (vs. 9-11)

God will accomplish **through** us what **He desires**, but can only accomplish **in** us what **we allow**.

<sup>12</sup>So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

1. Paul prays for **ever increasing love**. (vs. 9)

<sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7

Love will be manifest in:

- a. Knowledge – **full** and **complete** and **experiential** knowledge of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and His Word.
- b. Discernment – **clarity** and **conviction** for what is right.

2. Paul prays for **tested spiritual excellence**. (vs. 10a)

*“This gift will enable us to distinguish the chaff from the wheat and to divide the manifestations of the flesh from the operation of the Spirit.” A.W. Tozer*

3. Paul prays for their **spiritual maturity**. (vs. 10b-11)

That they would be:

- a. **Sincere**
- b. **Blameless**