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Intro: 1:9-

I. Paul's prayer for the Church

A. He mentioned this prayer in vs 3-4

B. Paul's prayers for the Churches seem to always express his desire for what is necessary for them to glorify God

1. Eph 1:17-18 .... may give to you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**, - Col 2:2

a. the eyes of your understanding **being enlightened**; vs 18; Ac 26:18;

b. that **you may know**

i. what is the hope of His calling, - Eph 4:4

ii. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance - Eph 1:11

2. Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,

a. to be **strengthened with might** through His Spirit in the inner man, - Eph 6:10; Php 4:19; Col 1:11,27 - 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

b. that you, being rooted and grounded in love, - Col 1:23; 2:7

may be **able to comprehend** - vs 18; Ro 10:3,11-12; Eph 1:18

i. what is the width and length and depth and height--

ii. to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; - vs 19

c. that you **may be filled** with all the fullness of God. - Jo 1:16; Eph 1:23; Col 2:9-10

3. Col 1:9 ... and to ask

a. that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; - Ro 12:2; Eph 1:8,15-16; 5:10,17; Col 1:3-4

b. that you may **walk worthy** of the Lord, - Eph 4:1; Php 1:27; 1Th 2:12;

i. fully pleasing Him, - 1Th 4:1;

ii. being fruitful in every good work - Jo 15:16; 2Co 9:8; Php 1:11, Tit 3:1; Heb 13:21

iii. and increasing in the knowledge of God; \_\_\_\_\_

iv. **strengthened** with all might, - Eph 3:16; 6:10

- according to His glorious power,

- for all patience and longsuffering with joy; - Ac 5:41; Ro 5:3;  
Eph 4:2;

### C. For what does Paul Pray

1. As in all of his recorded prayers, he does not ask for physical needs or Church growth

2. He prayed for five specific things that were his passion to be realized in their lives - vs 9-11

a. **Love** - that your love may abound still more and more - 1 Co 13:1-3

i. agape - love, affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:--(feast of) charity(-ably), dear, love.

ii. Can really only be understood from the New Testament, even the Septuagint offers little understanding of Agape love.

- It is divine - pray for that love to abound proves it's source (1 Jo 4:7-8,10,19; Ro 5:5; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Thess 4:9-10)

- It is de facto - the Philippians were already loving each other so Paul prays for it to abound still more

- It is decisive - not based on feelings, but a choice to obey

- It is dynamic - it has the capability to abound

-perisseuo - to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel

-in knowledge - epignosis - recognition, i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement:--(ac-) knowledge(-ing, - ment).

- It is discerning - all discernment - aesthesis - perception, i.e. (figuratively) discernment:--judgment.

b. Excellence

i. that you may **approve** the things that are **excellent** - Ro 2:18; 12:2; Eph 5:10;

ii. dokimazo - to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve:--allow, discern, examine, X like, (ap-)prove, try.

iii. diaphero - to bear through, i.e. (literally) transport; usually to bear apart, i.e. (objectively) to toss about (figuratively, report); subjectively, to "differ", or (by implication) surpass:--be better, carry, differ from, drive up and down, be (more) excellent, make matter, publish, be of more value.

c. Integrity

i. that you may be **sincere** and without **offense** - 1Co 1:8; 1Th 3:13;

ii. heilikrines - ; judged by sunlight, i.e. tested as genuine (figuratively):--pure, sincere.

iii. aproskopos - actively, inoffensive, i.e. not leading into sin; passively, faultless, i.e. not led into sin:--none (void of, without) offence.

iv. till the day of Christ - obligatory and permanent,

d. Good Works

i. **being filled** with the **fruits** of **righteousness** which are **by Jesus Christ**- 1Th 5:23

ii. Pleroo - to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:--accomplish, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

iii. Karpos - fruit (as plucked), literally or figuratively:--fruit.

iv. Dikaiosune - equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:--righteousness.

v. Jo 15:4-5

e. The Glory of God

i. to the glory and praise of God.

ii. Jo 15:4-5,8; Eph 1:12,14; 2:10; Col 1:6