

Series: Expositions from Philippians

Message 04: Soaring on wings of Faith (Phil 1:9-11)

Phil 1:9-11(NIV):

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

INTRODUCTION

And this is my prayer: that
your love may abound more and more in
knowledge (*epignōsis*) [= knowledge of God]
and
depth of insight (*aisthēsis*) [= moral insight],
so that you may be able to discern what is best
and may be **pure** (*eilikrinēs*) [= think clearly (cf. 2 Pet 3:1)]
and **blameless** (*aproskopos*) [= clear conscience (Acts 24:16)]
until the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ—
to the glory and praise of God.

I. CALL TO INCREASE IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD SO WE CAN THINK MORE CLEARLY.

epignōsis (knowledge) can mean any type of knowledge, but it can also mean knowledge about God.

eilikrinēs (pure / think clearly) used in 2 Peter 3:1 “Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.”

II. CALL TO INCREASE IN THE DEPTH OF OUR MORAL INSIGHT SO WE CAN HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE AND NOT CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE

aisthēsis = moral insight.

aproskopos = (a) clear conscience (Acts 24:16); (b) not cause another person to stumble (1 Cor 10:32).

CONCLUSION