

*beginning . . .*

*Psalm 23*

*Philippians - Paul's most personal letter to any church in NT times. Paul's first believers in Europe who jointly partnered with him over fifteen years spreading the good news.*

*Philippian Letter*  
*Part 1*  
*Part 2*  
*Part 3*  
*Part 4*  
*Part 5*

*Part 1*

- A. Typical Letter Greeting*
- B. Thanks to God - Remembrance of Philippians*
- C. Expressing Confidence in God's Work in Bel*
- D. Talking to God for More Philippian Growth*

*Phil. 1:9-11* **And** *this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, **so that** you may approve the things that are excellent, **in order** to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

***I pray .... so that you may approve ..... in order to be ....***

Phil. 1:9a *And this I pray, ...*

*Kai«touto proseucomai*

*And* continuation of Paul's flow of thought 1:3-9ff

*I pray* ongoing, habitual action →

*this* emphatic mark to point our attention

*Paul is in prison in Rome, possibly facing execution*

*Pressure Prompts Praying*

Phil. 19b *that your love may abound still more and more*

*iñā hJagāph utwn eñi mal I on kai«mal I on perisseuñØ*

*that* marker “ “

*your love* the love (AGAPE) your(s) specific, identified Love

*may abound* PERISSEUO Matt. 5:20; Luke 12:15; Acts 16:5; Phil. 1:9,26; 4:12,18; 1Th. 3:12

*still* ETI : the state of something being in addition to what already exists

*more and more* MALLON and MALLON

*The Agape Love To Grow More*

# ***Essential Features Biblical Love***

- #1 Provides for the one loved 1Jo 4:9*
- #2 Seeks the best for the one loved 1Jo 4:9*
- #3 Not based upon reciprocity 1Jo 4:10*
- #4 Not based upon our merit Rom 5:8*
- #5 Quality that participates in the suffering of the one loved Isa 63:9*
- #6 Is based upon Truth 1John 2:5; Eph. 4:15; 2Th. 2:10; 2John 1:3*

***Biblical Love***

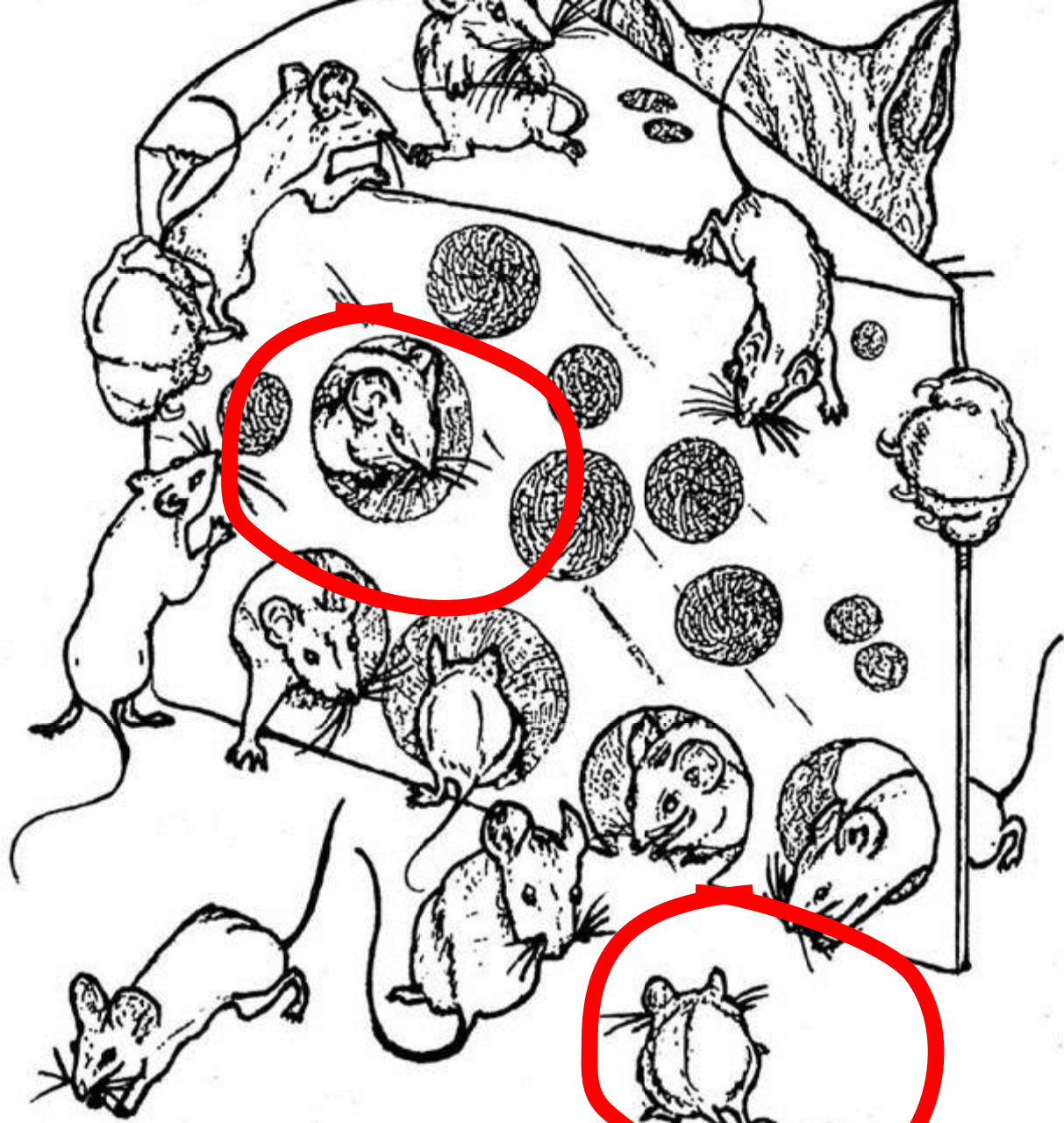
Phil. 1:9c ... *in real knowledge and all discernment,*

*en epignwsei kai «pashō aiśqhsei*

*in*

*EN*

*in, within*





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*real knowledge*

*EPI + GINWSKO*

*Eph. 1:17; 4:13; Phil. 1:9; Col. 1:9; 2:2; 3:10; Philem. 1:6*

*Reworked Doctrinal Realizations*

*and ... discernment*

*AISTHESIS*

↓  
*all*

*αἰσθάνομαι to perceive = 1*

*αἰσθησις judgment, perception, knowledge = 1*

*αἰσθητηρίον senses = 1*

*Luke 9:45; Phil. 1:9; Heb. 5:14*

*quality (complete/full), not quantity*

*Agape Love is Rooted in Truth*

*Phil. 1:10a* **so that you may approve the things that are excellent, ...** *eiß to\dokimazein ubaß ta»diafeřonta,*

**so that** *EIS* *direction toward* *purpose or result?*

**you may approve** *the state of your testing & approving*  
*DOKI + MA+ IZO \*Lu 12:56; 14:9; Rom 12:2*

*to try to learn the genuineness of something by examination and testing, often through actual use — ‘to test, to examine, to try to determine the genuineness of, testing.’*

**the things that are excellent** *‘the excellent ones’*

*TA DIA+ PHEO* *“the things that carry, count, make a difference”*

*Acts 13:49; Rom. 2:18; 1Cor. 15:41; Gal. 2:6*

**“unto the result of your approving the things that matter”**

*typical question for beleiver -> good, better, best*

***Divine Intent to Judge Things***





Phil. 1:11b *...through Jesus Christ,*

*toñ dia»Ihsou»Cristou»*

( ... )

*definite article in Greek text  
the specified one (righteousness)*

*through*

*DIA by means of, the agency of*

- means of effecting or conveying something*
- surrounding substance*
- means of communication*

*1Jo 4:9*

*Jesus Christ,*

*Medium of Righteousness*

Phil. 1:11c ... to the glory and praise of God.

εἰς δόξαν καὶ ἑπαινον θεοῦ

to EIS unto, direction towards

the glory the glory DOXA distinctions

and praise PAINOS to give attributes; to speak of the excellence of a person, object, or event

empty phrase - Praise the Lord ... well, start to do it !

of God. of or about God

*All Rightfully Returns to God*

*The End*