

▪ *I John 4:7*

- Paul's deep passion for the Philippians is presented to us in 2 very expressive ways:

I. Paul's For The Philippians (vv. 3-6)

- Every thought of these precious people brought _____ to Paul's heart.
- *Paul's heart was so full of joy that every time he _____ about them, he _____ God for them.*

"Paul simply couldn't think about these dear saints without praying for them!"

- The word "*partnership*" is a word that is most often translated "_____."
- Because the Philippians had demonstrated such faithful service, Paul was convinced that they had indeed experienced _____!
- *What important truth does v. 6 teach about salvation?*

II. Paul's For The Philippians (vv. 7-8)

- *Paul's heart for the Philippians is seen in 2 ways:*

A. He Them (v. 7)

- What do the terms "*defense and confirmation*" suggest?

"In that day the reality was that if Paul was taken down, then they would be taken down as well!"

- Paul wasn't simply saying, "*I'm fond of you,*" he was saying, "*You are _____.*"

B. He For Them (v. 8)

- Even though Paul experienced such a deep oneness with the Philippians, it was no substitute for _____.

"Because of Paul's inability to express the depth of his love for the Philippians, he called on God to bear witness as to the genuineness of the depth of his feelings!"

- The word translated "*yearn*" is a word that means, "*to _____ earnestly, to have a strong _____ for.*"

- The word translated “*affection*” is a word that refers to the _____ of the _____.

Paul’s affection for the Philippians had a _____!

- Because Paul possessed such a deep passion for God’s people, in **vv. 9-11** he prayed for them in at least 3 ways:

1) In **v. 9** he prayed that they would _____ in spiritual _____.

2) In **v. 10** he prayed that they would _____ spiritual _____.

3) In **v. 11** he prayed that they would be _____ with spiritual _____.

- **It is from this pattern of prayer that we learn how to pray for other believers:**

➤ In **v. 9** we should pray that they will _____ in _____.

➤ In **v. 10a** we should pray that they will make _____.

➤ In **v. 10b** we should pray that they will live _____.

➤ In **v. 11a** we should pray that they will bear _____.

➤ In **v. 11b** we should pray that they will live for _____.

Conclusion:

**Do You Possess A Passion For God’s People?
If not, why not?**