

## Philippians 1:9-10

Examine the things that differ, that are excellent, sense what is vital, discern the Body, knowing that we are extensions of Messiah, recognizing what is good. Paul wanted that we could grow in our love, in our comprehensive insight in this. Love is not just smiles, but greater depth of acquaintance, not being offensive, but blameless, coming to the understanding that we are all extensions of Messiah. It is hard to realize that — to come to that understanding, deep insight, knowing of who we are — the sons of God.

He is not ashamed to call us brothers because we have come to that understanding. We have to pray for that insight. It is a process of acquiring that full understanding that takes years. We need to pray for understanding and insight of how to pour out the love that he poured out in our heart. Love is also passing on the deep insight and understanding we have received — sharing our faith (Phlm 1:6) continuing to put life into the Body, building it up — and we are rewarded for that with more understanding.

Some people say they are not men of many words. That may be true, and it is good if they are men of few words, but it has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit speaking something to their heart and their sharing it. Our natural tendencies are our flesh, but now we do everything by the strength He provides (1 Pet 4:11). With some people, whatever they hear goes in their ear and up to their brain and they can talk and talk about it. But those people were like that in the world too. But we need to share what goes into our heart — the utterance of God. It's better to share of that than our natural human nature.

Some people were work, work, workers in the world, but now we have to work by His strength. Whatever you do, do it by His strength. You could have work, work, worked *in the world* or said blah, blah, blah — you did it for years, but now we need Him — now we need grace to do it — and it is difficult. Now it is the sharing of your *faith*, not your flesh.

2 Cor 5:17 — Now we are new creatures, old things have passed away, all things have become new. And (verse 15) we don't live for ourselves anymore, but for Him. And (verse 16) we don't recognize each other according to the flesh — that's how we were before. But now we are new creatures. You might have been a man of few words before, in the flesh, but now you have changed because when the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, then you will speak what He says.

He meets with us (Ex 29:42) and speaks to us — that is why what we say has to be the very utterance of God. You still may be a man of few words, but now those few words will be full of meaning and faith for others (Pr 29:20; 10:19-21; 17:27-28). Faith is what we hear that comes from Messiah. Faith first came to us by hearing the word of Messiah. But faith continues to come to us by hearing from Him. We live by *this faith*, this *insight* or *revelation* (Mt 4:4; Rom 1;17; 10:17; Heb 11:6; Jn 14:21).

2 Cor 5:16 — We are all on equal ground now. We would not be if the Body functioned according to the flesh. But since it functions according to the Spirit, He can speak through each one of us, from the least to the greatest. We all know Him. Some may speak a longer or shorter time, true, but we need to hear all in order to hear Him. And someone who speaks a short time may say more to us than someone who speaks a long time. But we have to judge ourselves right that it is the utterance of God — that it is something coming from the Holy Spirit, not just our natural inclinations. We do not recognize according to the flesh, but how the Spirit speaks.