

# **Biblical Love is Discerning**

2 John

**Introduction:** Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9

A. The Priority of Love - "your love may abound"

B. The Perimeters of Love

1. "in knowledge"

a. Romans 10:2

b. Colossians 1:10

2. "and all discernment" - Hebrews 5:11-14

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- Jn 13:34-35, 15:12,17, 1 Jn 3:11, 4:7,11

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