

## The Auditorium Sunday School Class

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### Making Right Decisions

Introduction: Paul considers himself to be a great defender of the Gospel. These verses give us the determination that Paul had to remain committed to the Gospel until Judgment Day.

- I. Notice the term “the day of Jesus Christ” in verses 6 and 10
  - A. Paul is confident that the work of salvation begun by Christ will continue until Judgment Day. (6)
  - B. Paul is concerned that the church of Philippi grows more Christ-like until Judgment Day. (10)
    1. Their love needs to abound in knowledge.(9)
    2. Their love need to abound in “judgment” (discernment).
- II. Paul goes from knowledge and discernment to decision-making.
  - A. It takes love, knowledge and discernment to “approve things that are excellent. (10)
  - B. Our decisions both affect and reflect our minds and hearts.
    1. What we love and know and discern determines our choices in life.
    2. We need to be careful what we approve of in life; our hearts and minds will be affected.
- III. Why should our decisions be rational and spiritual?
  - A. There’s an important day approaching all of us – Judgment Day.
  - B. Christians should understand the seriousness of facing Jesus Christ.
  - C. There are two traits that believers need to have on Judgment Day.
    1. Sincerity – There will be no pretense on Judgment Day.
    2. Innocence – You don’t want to face Jesus Christ with a life of bad decisions that were made irrationally and outside of God’s will.

Conclusion: Godly decisions require knowledge and discernment. Be careful!!