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## **MAKING THE MOST OF THIS STUDY NOTE:**

- 1. Be open to learn.**
- 2. Get your study materials: Book, Bible, Pen and Note.**
- 3. Take your time to study and understand.**
- 4. If you have any questions, contact the author with the details in the previous page.**

**STUDY TEXT:**

**Philemon 1:6**

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

**WHY THIS STUDY?**

To lead the believer to be thankful for what Christ has offered him.

To lead the believer to acknowledge what he has in Christ.

## STUDY

A Christian/believer in Christ is an individual who has believed the Gospel—the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as effective for him. Believing these specific facts is what makes one a believer.

It is not enough to believe he was born, the individual needs to believe these specific facts above. Because **only** believing that he was born, won't make the person a Christian. Even Mary who he came through had to believe he died and rose again for her to be a Christian.

His birth was Him coming to the world, but that knowledge doesn't get anyone saved...Muslims believe he was **born** into the world through Maryam, but that doesn't make them Christians. They even believe he died, but they don't agree he died for their sins and most of all, they don't believe he rose again at all which is the essence of the Christian faith—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

So these specific facts that he died for sins, was buried and our old man was buried with him and that he rose again for our justification and never died again—he levitated to heaven assuring us there is eternal life is what to believe that makes you a Christian.

Ultimately the resurrection of Christ is the strength of our faith...because just as he was raised to life from the dead, we also have the **assurance** that we will be raised when he returns in our new glorified body. When a believer dies, his spirit goes to Christ, and when Christ comes his new glorified body is united with his spirit and he lives on forever.

That's our assurance—we will live forever because we are in Christ! Glory to the Father! And why is this possible? Because of his resurrection from the dead. That's why the attack on the Christian faith is on the resurrection of Jesus. No one has issues with the fact he was born. The issue arises when you bring in the fact he died for our sins and rose again from the dead offering eternal life to all who believe in this.

So it is those who believe in these **specific** facts—His death, burial and resurrection as effective for them that are believers; Christians; in the faith.

Now, to our text for today:

### **Philemon 1:6**

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Paul writes to Philemon; a believer and instructs him to acknowledge every good thing which is in him in Christ. This tells us there are good things in Christ which are in the believer. So the believer needs to know these good things and acknowledge them.

Let's see a few of these good things:

### **The believer is a new creation**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

I believe this is the first thing to acknowledge. As we saw last week, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. He is not an improvement of his former self, he is a new being all together—one that has not existed before. He is “in Christ”. That’s his new identity; his new location.

### **The believer has forgiveness of sins**

#### **Ephesians 1:7**

In whom **we have** redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;

#### **Colossians 1:14**

In whom **we have** redemption through his blood, *even* **the forgiveness of sins**:

If you observe, the two texts referenced above are similar. Don't think too far! They were written by the same person. The apostle Paul addressed this statement to two different churches—the church at Ephesus and Colossae respectively. This shows the emphasis on how forgiveness is made available.

Also, observe the texts read “we have...the forgiveness of sins” not “we are going to have...the forgiveness of sins.” We already have forgiveness of sins right now and always just like you have this Bible Study Note you are reading right now. And where do we have forgiveness of sins? In Christ, through His blood! There is no other way for man to have forgiveness of sins, but in the precious blood of Christ.

### **1 Peter 1:18-19**

**18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

**19** But with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

We have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Now, if we were redeemed with silver and gold, it will still be costly. But we were redeemed with something more costly; something costlier than silver and gold—the precious blood of Christ. No amount of money can be a replacement for the price paid through the precious blood of Christ. It is precious! We have been bought with a price so precious.

This is where we find our worth in life! Not in things, but the precious blood of Christ offered for us. We are thankful; we are in awe of the price paid to redeem us. So no believer should ever be found feeling unworthy or worthless...no, no! Jesus saw worth in us and offered His blood for us. And the blood of Jesus has offered forgiveness of sins.

Sin is not a problem for the believer because it has been taken care of in Christ. Anyone who has believed the Gospel has received freedom from the power, guilt and penalty of sin. So forgiveness of sins is not as a result of us asking for it, it is in the precious blood of Christ. If we needed to ask for it, then Christ won't have needed to offer His blood for us.

It is redemption through His blood that has brought forgiveness of sins. And that's why we are not to live with a consciousness of sin, we instead live with a consciousness of the Son—our Savior—Jesus Christ! He did it all for us! Forgiveness

of sins only became and is available as a result of the precious blood of Christ offered for us. (As promised earlier, we will still do a detailed study on forgiveness of sins).

### **The believer is justified**

#### **Romans 5:1**

Therefore **being justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

To justify is to regard righteous; guiltless. It is one thing to receive forgiveness of sins which we have and another thing to be declared free; innocent; guiltless. That is, you were never guilty!

In the law court, when an individual is discharged and acquitted, there is no record of crime attached to his name. Likewise, a believer is not just forgiven, it is counted as if he never did anything wrong—discharged and acquitted! And this declaration is made by Father God himself! On one hand we have received forgiveness of sins, on the other hand we have been declared not guilty...this is what it means to be justified.

#### **Ephesians 1:4 (AMP)**

Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and **blameless in His sight**, even above reproach, before Him in love.

In God's sight, we are blameless. We will never come under judgment—no, no! We have been found not guilty forever! The Father has called us blameless. That word "reproach" in the text above implies to taunt; to defame; to blame. Man sinned, but instead of the Father taunting him with; defaming him with; blaming him for the sin, He did something about it. In Christ, he chose us to be blameless before him; to be above the reproach of sin. Why? All because of love!

## **2 Corinthians 5:21**

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ, who knew no sin was made sin for us so we could be made the righteousness of God in Him. We deserved to be called sinners, but instead we are called righteous! Glory to the Father!

## **Titus 3:7**

That **being justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Our justification before the Father is by grace alone!

## **Romans 4:24-5:2**

**24** But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

**25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was **raised again for our justification**.

**1** Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**2** By whom also **we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

It is by grace that we stand before the Father. We have peace with God. We are justified by faith. We are blameless before the Father all because of Jesus!

Friends, these are things to acknowledge every day. We awake each day and say: I am a new creature; I have forgiveness of sins always; I am justified; I am in Christ, therefore I don't come into condemnation; I have been declared righteous by the Father forever! This is what the believer has now in Christ. See it always and confess it boldly with your mouth. We continue next week. You are blessed. God loves you. Yes, you!

## **Affirmations**

I am a new creature

I have forgiveness of sins always

I am justified

I am in Christ, therefore I don't come into condemnation

I have been declared righteous by the Father forever!

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