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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

As a believer in Christ, you don't have a difficulty loving others. You can show love; you can walk in love; you can respond in love always because the love of God has been shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost. To love is not an issue for you.

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.

The fact that God's Spirit resides in you is the assurance that you can love. Not natural; human love, but the love of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

For the believer in Christ, love is not a feeling, it is the fruit of your spirit. In Christ you have been recreated. You are born of love. The fruit of your spirit is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (Amplified Version)

4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

This text above is one the believer should spend some time daily renewing his mind with. It will aid the believer to assess his love walk. But first, remember that God is love. Therefore, we can learn from this text how God deals or relates with us. If Paul as inspired by the Holy Ghost tells the believer to do all mention in the text above, then it's something that God who is love has enabled us to do. So we can relate with our fellow men always in love.

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.

The believer ought to acknowledge every good thing which is in him in Christ Jesus. He ought to affirm consistently what Christ has done for Him, who He is now because of what Christ has done and what He has received in Christ. Last week we looked at a few. Today we will address a couple more:

The believer is assured of eternal life

One assurance the believer should have is that God never fails. Because of this, we can trust Him with our eternity.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Eternal life is the promise of spending forever with God. This is a promise from God, “...whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. God is saying, “Believe and you will have eternal life”. That’s an assurance! What we have in Christ is eternal life.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yes, the wages of sin is death. What sin deserves is death. Man deserved to die because of sin, but instead we have eternal life in Christ Jesus! We will live forever because we are in Christ!

The believer is God’s possession

This is a sequel from the previous point. The fact you have eternal life means you are God’s possession forever.

1 Corinthians 6:20

For **ye are bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

You have been bought with a price—the precious blood of Christ! You don’t own yourself anymore. God owns you now; you are His own forever.

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, **after that ye heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The moment (not the next day or week or year) and individual believes the Gospel, he is sealed with the Spirit of God who acts as a deposit to guarantee our heavenly inheritance. We have been sealed with the promised spirit. The Holy Spirit in us assures us that we are God's possessions; God's own forever!

That word "earnest" in verse 14 speaks of a down payment; that is, a deposit; an initial payment to assure that the full payment will be made later. Or we could say, the part payment for something, which is given in advance as SECURITY for the rest. That is, an initial deposit saying, I am going to pay the rest.

So for example, you desire to buy a land, then you make an initial deposit as ASSURANCE you are going to balance up to secure the land. That initial payment you made is what is called an earnest payment.

I said the above to say this: As believers (in Christ), we have an assurance—an assurance of eternal life with Jesus Christ. Now, we have received eternal life already in our spirits, but also there is still the REALITY of eternal life with Jesus Christ. When we leave this world, we believe we will live forever with Jesus Christ.

So the Holy Spirit we have received is the SECURITY; ASSURANCE that we will live forever. He is the down payment of God assuring us He is coming back for us. God has given us His Spirit as commitment to us. Not the commitment of buying a ring worth thousands of dollars to engage a lady, but a commitment that is worth more than gold which assures of eternal life.

So we have no doubts about eternal life; we are sure of eternal life because we have believed the Gospel. And because we have believed, we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and that assures us always that we are children of God forever! Hallelujah!

Friends, we have been promised eternal life because we have believed. A God that never fails has assured us of eternal life because we have believed. He has given us His Spirit as down payment that He is coming back for us. We will live forever because we are in Christ! So the believer (in Christ) has eternal life! See this always; affirm it daily with your lips. We continue next week. You are blessed. God loves you. Yes, you!

Affirmations

I have believed the Gospel, therefore I have eternal life.

I have God's Spirit in me as an assurance of eternal life.

I know I will live forever with Christ because I have believed!

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