

Acknowledging Who We Are

Philemon 6 – *that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

- “**sharing**” – [KJV: “*communication*”] KOINOONIA; something people have in common.
- “**effective**” – energized; actualized.
- “**acknowledgment**” – precise and correct knowledge; expressing a greater participation by the “knower” in the object “known,” thus more powerfully influencing him.
- “**good thing**” – good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy.

II Peter 1:2-4 – *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge [precise and correct knowledge] of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge [same word] of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

- **Vs. 3** – we have everything we need. It must be actualized.

Ephesians 4:17-19 [NIV] – *So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. ²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.*

- **Hebrews 6:11, 12** – *And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
- **Quote:** If the Gospel we heard is not bringing forth fruit unto godliness, we either did not hear the truth or we have not actualized it with precise and accurate knowledge of all the good things in us in Christ."

Reading on: ²² *You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

- Hear & believe the (precise and accurate) truth in Christ.
- Put off the old self. (Die to self)
- Put on the new (true) self.

Hebrews 12:2 [AMP] – *Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- If my life is not being continually transformed, it means that at some point I have stopped looking at Jesus. I started looking at the church, other Christians, my doctrine, or the world... but one thing is for sure: I am not beholding Him.
- One of the laws of transformation is this: you become what you behold. Beholding doctrine has no power to transform you. Beholding Jesus is where the power that is in you comes alive.

Homework: Write down as many identity Scriptures as you can find. Any Scripture that says “*in Him, through Him, by Him, or with Him*” is a good starting place. Then, on a regular basis, worship God by acknowledging all of these attributes are in you. Thank God for righteousness, healing, peace, and joy. Involve your thoughts, emotions, and imagination! All prayer is a meditative process. As these attributes of Christ become real to you, they will begin to manifest.

- **Ex: Philippians 4:13** – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*