

Philemon 4-7

4 I thank my God, making mention of you in my prayers,
 5 hearing of your love and faith toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,
 6 that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.
 7 For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints are refreshed by you, brother.

..., **hearing** of your love and faith

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

6 For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision nor uncircumcision **avails** anything, but *faith working through love*.

(*Faith working through love has a function in Christ Jesus*)

hearing of your love and faith **avails** much; **Avails: to be useful - to be or become of use or have a function. The hearing of their faith and love was the function that caused Paul to rejoice and be moved to pray.**

Working: to function - to do what something is used for; perform as expected when operating.

Ephesians 1:15–23 (NKJV)

15 Therefore I also, **after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints**,

16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church

23, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Colossians 1:3–8 (NKJV)

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 since we **heard** of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

...**the sharing** of your faith: **participation, fellowship** - the act of sharing in the activities or privileges of an intimate association or group, especially use of marriage and the churches.

1 John 1:3–4 (NKJV)

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may **have fellowship with us**; and truly **our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ**.

4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

1 John 1:7 (NKJV)

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Effective: producing or capable of producing an intended result.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working** by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself **in love**.

effective working: operation - process or manner of functioning or operating.

Colossians 1:14 (NKJV)

14 **in whom** we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

The intended result

John 15:8–11 (NKJV)

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

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

Knowing every good thing (what those good things are and where they originate) that is in you in Christ Jesus.

John 16:33 (NKJV)

33: " 33These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:14 (NKJV)

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV)

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 (NKJV)

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

Galatians 5:19–26 (NKJV)

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Romans 8:7–11 (NKJV)

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The spiritual-mindedness is in us in Christ Jesus

John 14:21 (NKJV)

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 15:3–5 (NKJV)

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:9–11 (NKJV)

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (NKJV)

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The effectiveness of Paul’s preaching was how the word of God was delivered; it wasn’t Saul of Tarsus who imprisoned believers for abandoning the worship of the law for faith in Jesus to justify them, but Paul, who also believed Jesus for justification with God.

