

Paul's Blessing

Phm 1.4-7

1. Love and faith toward Jesus AND toward ALL the saints
2. Effective sharing of our faith
3. The World acknowledges our good works
4. People are refreshed

So as we move through each of these this morning, let's let the HS STRETCH us!
Think of the BIG ASK that Paul was making to Philemon...Onesimus...Apphia...

LOVE AND FAITH TOWARD JESUS AND ALL THE SAINTS (Interesting)

Maybe John 15 will help...

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away;

and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

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

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.

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.

If anyone does not abide in Me, *he is cast out as a branch and is withered;*

and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, & it shall be done for you.

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

Jesus is the root, we are the branches. He is our life-blood!

As I fall more in love with Him, I will fall more in love with you!

Love covers a multitude of sins!

EFFECTIVE SHARING OF OUR FAITH

Communion

1 Corinthians 10:16 KJVS

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Communication

Hebrews 13:16 KJVS

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Fellowship

Acts 2:42 KJVS

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in ice cream socials, and in picnics, and in prayers.

Do we really know how much good is wrought over a cup of coffee or tea?

THE WORLD ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GOOD WORKS

Go back to the checklist (again, not patting ourselves on the backs):

EVERY MONTH...

- Handicapped, camps and employment...
- Deaf ministries in Japan, planting churches among the 99.2% non-Xian
- YSU ministering to International students
- helping raise two children through Compassion
- Open Doors helping free women and men from sex trafficking in the US
- Already on the ground with Convoy Kentucky, Missouri tornadoes
- Sending boxes of baby supplies
- Gambia, Dominican Rep, Bolivia and W Africa

Like Jesus: For which good works are you going to stone us?

REFRESHING PEOPLE!

Here is the beautiful outcome of our love and faith in Jesus and each other...A refreshing!

The Gospel is NOT "a" good news, some, a lot...THE Good News!

The only good news!

The ALWAYS Good News

Glad tidings of GREAT JOY

See Isa 28 and Acts 3