

PHILEMON: LIVING IN & OUT OUR FAITH

Key Thought:

Faith is not merely something we profess—it is something we practice.

I. HOW DO WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH?

Philemon 1:5-6

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual..."

A. Faith Must Be Communicated

- More than words
- More than knowledge
- Demonstrated through life

Notes:

B. Faith Becomes Effective Through Acknowledgment

- Recognize every good thing comes from Christ
- Reject confidence in the flesh
- Give Christ the glory

Notes:

C. Faith Requires Daily Surrender

- Renew the mind (Romans 12:1-2)
- Crucify the flesh (Galatians 2:20)
- Set your affection on Christ (Colossians 3:1-3)

Notes:

Personal Application:

II. WHEN WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH

Philemon 1:7

"The bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother."

A. Others Are Refreshed

- Faith encourages
- Faith comforts
- Faith strengthens

Notes:

B. The Church Is Built Up

- Fellowship grows
- Needs are met
- Christ is glorified

Notes:

C. Joy Follows Obedience

- Love becomes visible
- Service becomes natural
- God receives the praise

Notes:

Personal Application:

III. LIVING OUR FAITH OUT LOUD QUIETS RESENTMENT

Philemon 1:8-16

"Receive him..."

A. Faith Seeks Restoration

- Paul desired reconciliation
- Onesimus was now a brother in Christ
- Grace welcomes people home

Notes:

B. Faith Refuses Bitterness

- Bitterness and faith cannot coexist
- Unforgiveness hinders fellowship
- Resentment resists grace

Notes:

C. Faith Chooses Forgiveness

- Forgiveness is obedience
- Forgiveness reflects Christ
- Forgiveness restores fellowship

Notes:

Personal Application:

TAKEAWAYS

Faith Must Be Lived

Not merely professed.

Faith Must Refresh

Not merely impress.

Faith Must Forgive

Not merely remember.

Prayer

Lord, help me acknowledge that every good thing in me is found in Christ, refresh others through my life, and walk in the forgiveness You have freely given me. Amen.