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Philemon 1-7; 23-25

*Today: Paul's Prayer For Effective Fellowship
That Reflects The Gospel*

*Next Week: Paul's Practice Of Effective
Fellowship That Reflects The Gospel*

Philemon

...and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you.

Colossians 4:9a

1) The Background Of Reordered Fellowship
Brought About By The Gospel (v1-3, 23-24)

The Gospel

God

Man

Sin

Christ

Response

God has sovereignly chosen, and saved for Himself, a specific people in whom He will reflect His glory to the nations

Ephesians 2:1-10; 3:7-12

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1 John 5:2-4

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship (κοινωνία), to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

κοινωνία
Koinonia

fellowship, mutual interaction,
interchange with one another

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“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

Acts 17:6-7

And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."

Colossians 4:17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

2) Paul's Prayer That Their Fellowship Would Effectively Display The Gospel (v4-7)

Philemon 4-7

“...and I pray that the fellowship (Koinonia) of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.”

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