

# PHILEMON

## Lesson 10: IN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS

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**PHILEMON 6:** “That the communication of thy faith...” Your actions (words, conduct, treatment of others, reactions, etc) will prove your faith.

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“...may become effectual...” Your life ought to have a beneficial effect on others. This will require that you lay down your own life (not be selfish) and begin to consider other people.

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“...by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you...”

### **THE GOOD THINGS IN EVERY PERSON FROM BIRTH:**

1. **Light (John 1:6-9, 3:19-21):** every person is given enough light to know when they’ve done evil and to seek deliverance from that evil. This is a knowledge that you’re not right (Rom. 3:10).

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  2. **Knowledge that there is a God, and that they are accountable to Him (Romans 1:18-20):** every person starts with knowledge of God until they lose it through education.
    - a. With these two good things (Light and knowledge of God) an unsaved person can become a better person.
      - i. This will be dependent upon parental training, community influence, religious discipline, military discipline, etc.
      - ii. These things won’t get anyone to heaven, but they help to build upon the two good things that are in every person.
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### **THE GOOD THINGS IN EVERY PERSON WHO IS IN CHRIST:**

“...by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you—IN Christ Jesus.”

1. **The ability to do whatever Jesus Christ wants done.** Mere men (Christ’s apostles) reached the world (Rom. 1:8, Col. 1:23) with the gospel because it was Christ IN them doing the work. You can be more effectual in Jesus Christ in every way—than you could ever hope to be without Him.
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**1 CORINTHIANS 1:30**

2. **The wisdom of Jesus Christ.**
  3. **The ability to do right.** All men are sinners. How can one sinner teach another sinner to do right? Let Jesus Christ teach you; He never sinned and always does right.
  4. **Sanctification.** With Christ governing your life, you can eliminate sinful desires.
  5. **Redemption.** Man can never be good enough to go to heaven through his own efforts. Christ makes a person “good enough” through His redemption. He purchased us with His blood.
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**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

6. **A complete change in what I am.** I am made into a “new creature;” one who is able to be a better person.
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**EPHESIANS 2:8-10**

7. **The ability to perform good works.** Christ is doing the work IN you if you are in Christ. That’s better than simply learning HOW to perform the works through study. In fact, you’ll be able to love and minister to people that, without Christ, you’d never be able to (or want to) reach.
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