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**Confession:** *This is my Bible, the Living Word of God. I am, what the Word says I am. I have, what the Word says I have. I can do, everything the Word says I can do, and I will do it, in Jesus Name!*

**Text: Philemon 1:6** I pray that your partnership in the faith may become effective as you fully acknowledge every good thing that is ours **in Christ**.

**Introduction:** This Scripture reveals to us a dynamic, life-changing partnership “IN Christ.” This is not just some religious activity—it is an intimate sharing of Christ’s Life, power, and wisdom that transforms us from the inside out. Understanding and applying this Scripture to all the other IN Christ Scriptures is the **key** to unlocking our new identity, and our new life, IN Christ.

1. **“I pray that your partnership in the faith”**
2. **Definition**
3. partnership: koinónia (koy-nohn-nee'-ah) joint participation, sharing in, partnership, to communicate, intimate fellowship, communion
4. The object of “koinónia” in this passage is “IN Christ.” “Koinónia” conveys the concept of intimate fellowship, having joint participation, emphasizing that we are co-sharing in the Life of Christ, with Him.
5. **Scriptural Support**
6. **John 7:37-38** On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: ‘Streams of living water will flow from within him.’”
7. **Isaiah 55:1** “Come, all you who are thirsty”
8. As believers, we are called to continually drink from the cup of His Life, living daily from the abundant flow of Christ within us. We, His Body, are the vessels through which His Life flows.
9. By faith as we place our "cup" under the flow of Christ's Life through spending time in His Presence, meditating on the Word, prayer, and acting on the Word, our lives are transformed from the inside out. His Abundant Life overflows us and our lives become streams of His Life. (John 15:1-10)
10. **Key Thought**
11. "Koinónia" is NOT a religious exercise, or following a set of rules, or about a set amount of time in His Presence; it is a lifestyle, a continual flow, a constant “IN Christ” awareness, a living union, and communion with Him.
12. There is a Fountain of Living Water available to us and He is continually pouring. We are the limiting factor.
13. How thirsty are you?
14. The more you drink, the more you will drink.
15. **“May become effective”**
16. **Definition**
17. effective: energés (en-er-gace') active, effective, operative, to be at work, powerful, full of energy. “Energés” is an adjective of the Greek word “enérgeia” which is the root word in English for energy.
18. **Illustration**
19. An example of “enérgeia” is a power plant where energy is generated and prepared for distribution but remains unrealized until activated. "Energés" is the application of that power. “Energés” implies fruitfulness, or power being activated, like faith coming alive in action.
20. **Scriptural Support**
21. **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
22. The Word of God is Living, Active, and Powerful. However, the power of God is not automatically flowing in our lives as we must "koinónia" with Him and by faith activate the flow. As we "koinónia" with God by faith in the Life of Christ, it becomes "energés" and fulfills His purpose.
23. **Key Thought**
24. Faith is not passive; as we engage the Word in faith, His power is released and the flow of His Life from within us enables us to walk effectively with Him and to accomplish His purposes for our lives.
25. **“As you fully acknowledge”**
26. **Definition**
27. you fully acknowledge: epignósis (ep-ig'-no-sis) revealed, absolute knowledge, experiential insight, discernment, full knowledge of a particular point, the knowledge of things ethical and divine. “Epignósis” is a compound word of “epi” meaning upon or toward and “gnosis” meaning knowledge. The prefix "epi" serves to intensify the term, implying a more comprehensive or advanced understanding that goes beyond intellectual knowledge.
28. "Epignósis" highlights the transformative and relational knowledge of God and His purposes, as opposed to shallow or theoretical knowledge. "Epignósis" is essentially a spiritual awakening that allows us to perceive ourselves through God's eyes, enabling us to fully embrace and walk in every "IN Christ" reality.
29. **Key Thought**
30. As we spend time consistently reading the Word of God and meditating on His Word it will open a door for us to see ourselves through God’s eyes so that we can perceive the real us, IN Christ.
31. **“Every good thing”**
32. **Scriptural Support**
33. **Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.
34. IN Christ we possess an endless wealth of spiritual riches. These are not earned by us as they have already been freely given to us by grace of God towards us.
35. Our Good Father has withheld nothing from us. He placed in Christ what He wanted to do in every man and it became ours when we were baptized into Him.
36. **Analogy**
37. The Life of Christ is not a buffet to pick and choose what we think we do or do not want, or choose what to follow.
38. Many only seek the hand of God. He is pouring out all of Himself with every good thing.
39. **Key Thought**
40. Through baptism at the new birth, we were fully immersed and recreated into the fullness of His life.
41. Beginning with our eternal salvation, but then also healing, wisdom, peace, prosperity, etc., all comes with His Life as well.
42. By faith, we turn to the Word, to "epignósis" our true identity: who we are, what we have, and how we are going to order our life now that we are IN Christ.
43. We are the determining factor in our capacity to receive of Him. He has already given His all!
44. Drink all of Him, do not leave anything out that Christ in us has already freely given us.
45. **“That is ours IN Christ”**
46. **Scriptural Support**
47. **Colossians 2:9-10** For **in Christ** all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form. And you have been made complete **in Christ**, who is the head over every ruler and authority.
48. At the moment of the new birth, we are filled with the fullness of Christ and the Godhead. In our spirit, we are eternally perfect and complete, just as He is.
49. **Moving From Head to Heart**
50. By faith, we move beyond just intellectual assent into the lived reality of our identity, possession, and position IN Christ.
51. We must fully embrace that it is no longer the old us who lives, but Christ Who now lives IN us.
52. To fully acknowledge Christ simultaneously means to deny, disregard, or reckon as now dead our flesh.
53. While we may face challenges in our soul (mind, will, and emotions) or physical body, we should no longer allow the flesh (soul and body) to define our identity, control how we feel, or limit our "IN Christ" potential.
54. Temporal truths are always subject to the Eternal Truth that is IN us, IN Christ! (Romans 12:2)
55. **Key Thought**
56. True transformation comes as we exalt His Word above every circumstance and allow the Word of God to fight its own fight.
57. It is the Living Word—Active, Operative, and Unstoppable. There is Resurrection power in every Word, and the Word is IN us!
58. **Conclusion & Call to Action – “Koinónia in Action”**
59. Do I live from my spiritual inheritance IN Christ or am I striving to earn what is already mine?
60. What step(s) can I take to become a better drinker, to receive and share in His Life?
61. Where have I treated Christ’s Life as a resource to pick and choose instead of embracing all of Him?
62. Turn from dead religion to a living communion in fellowship with Him.
63. Place your “cup” under His flow—by faith, drinking deeply, acting boldly, and watch your partnership with Him become energés!
64. The New Testament contains approximately 180 Scriptures referring to being IN Christ, BY Christ, THROUGH Christ, and WITH Christ. Take time to study, meditate on them, and by faith, embrace your new identity as one with Him in His Word.
65. Speak “IN Christ” Truths over your day (for example, “Christ lives in me; His power flows through me, I was healed by His stripes, I have been made the righteousness of God, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”).