

Partakers

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Introduction

1. Text Philippians 1:7
2. The word “partakers” means joint participation; having in common; partaking together, to have a share of.
3. In our text the people helped Paul. Philippians 4:13-14 they had joint participation with Paul
4. The word is used in Luke 5:10
5. Yes it is the word also translated “fellowship.”
6. I would like us to learn about us being partakers

II Discussion

1. Have we been partakers of the calling? Hebrews 3:1
 - a. We are called by the Gospel 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Peter 1:3-4
 - b. But have we answered that call; this answering must be first!
2. What are benefits of being partakers of this calling? 1 Timothy 6:2
 - a. There is an inheritance Colossians 1:12
 - b. We are partakers of the promises in Christ. Ephesians 3:6
 - c. We are partakers of His holiness Hebrews 12:10
 - d. We are partakers of Divine nature 2 Peter 1:4
 - i. This makes us more godlike not gods.
 - ii. We become holy characteristics of God will be a part of our life. 1 Peter 1:15
 - iii. They will know that we have been with Jesus Acts 4:13
 - iv. Not by any outward manifestations
3. What does it mean to be partakers?
 - a. Man is created in the image of God. Genesis 1:26
 - b. This image is lost in the fall.
 - c. It is restored to man in the transforming, which occurs in conversion.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - ii. Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24
 - iii. Acts 3:19 we are to be converted from an old way to a new way.
 - iv. Becoming a new person Romans 6:3-6
 - v. We are to put off the old and become a new Colossians 3:8-10
 - vi. This is a transformation Romans 12:1-2
 - vii. This then allows us to be partakers of the above in point #2

III Conclusion

1. Have you partaken of the divine call?
2. Have you transformed your life?
3. Thus have you partaken of the benefits of doing this?
4. Some may be in different stages of change. But have we stopped changing or become stagnant in our changing?
5. Make changes now!

Sources; Vines; Strong's G. A. commentary on 2 Peter by Woods; A.T. Robertson's Word Pictures of New Testament on 2 Peter Vol. 6