*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

**Faith**

Philemon 1:4-6 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, 5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; 6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Strong’s Definition for Effectual - energes (en-er-gace') -- active, operative; effectual, powerful.

Salvation should not be a one and done experience, but a way of life that will never end. When you pray about a situation is it your intention to get some real results? Of course it is! And it is the Lord’s desire for you to see all that He has blessed you with spiritually. In order for your faith to be active, and working on your behalf you will need to keep in constant communication with our Lord so that you can see and hear how to put this faith into action.

James 5:14-16 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (KJV)

Sometimes sickness is a result of a lack of communication, where the believer is giving more ear to the deceiver than to the promises of God. These sicknesses are not just limited to the carnal realm; rather, a lack of faith has caused a breach between you and God. Too many times mankind plays the blame game whether it is with each other or even blaming God for what basically amounts to a lack of faith. A simple self examination and confession can deliver you from unbelief and back into the effectual working of your faith where you belong.

Ephesians 4:13-16 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (KJV)

We all have our place and calling in the body of Christ that we need to fulfill. When you are not operating in faith you are no longer effectual in what our Lord is asking of you which affects not only you, but the entire body of Christ.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.