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KOINONIA

BLACKHAWK AVENUE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Acts 2:46 "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching AND TO THE FELLOWSHIP (KOINONIA), and to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

This marks the beginning of Blackhawks own "born-again" newsletter! (It died a slow death last year.) We have a new name...KOINONIA...(pronounced COIN-OH-KNEE-AH) which is a Greek word. It's used in the New Testament to mean communication, communion, contribution, distribution and fellowship. That seems to fit with our purposes for the newsletter. We want to COMMUNICATE: what is happening in our lives and in our Blackhawk fellowship, how things work in our church, and why, who we especially want to thank and give credit to, whatever needs we have, and what we can pray for each other about and thank God for. We want to INFORM you: of events and dates to remember, of things you'll want to know about, of newer people you'll want to get to know, and of helpful ideas and suggestions shared. We also hope to be an ENCOURAGEMENT: to edify each other, build each other up, challenge each others lives and attitudes, and encourage each other to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

I really want to thank everyone for the terrific response for the first issue. So many of you kindly gave ideas, information and contributions. I'm very appreciative...just keep those cards and letters comin'!

A special thanks to John Vick for the really beautiful Newsletter Box he made for us. It's in the entryway, waiting to be fed monthly...be sure to see it if you haven't already!

Please feel free to give any suggestions to improve the newsletter; we're open to all ideas!



Philemon (Bible Project Video)

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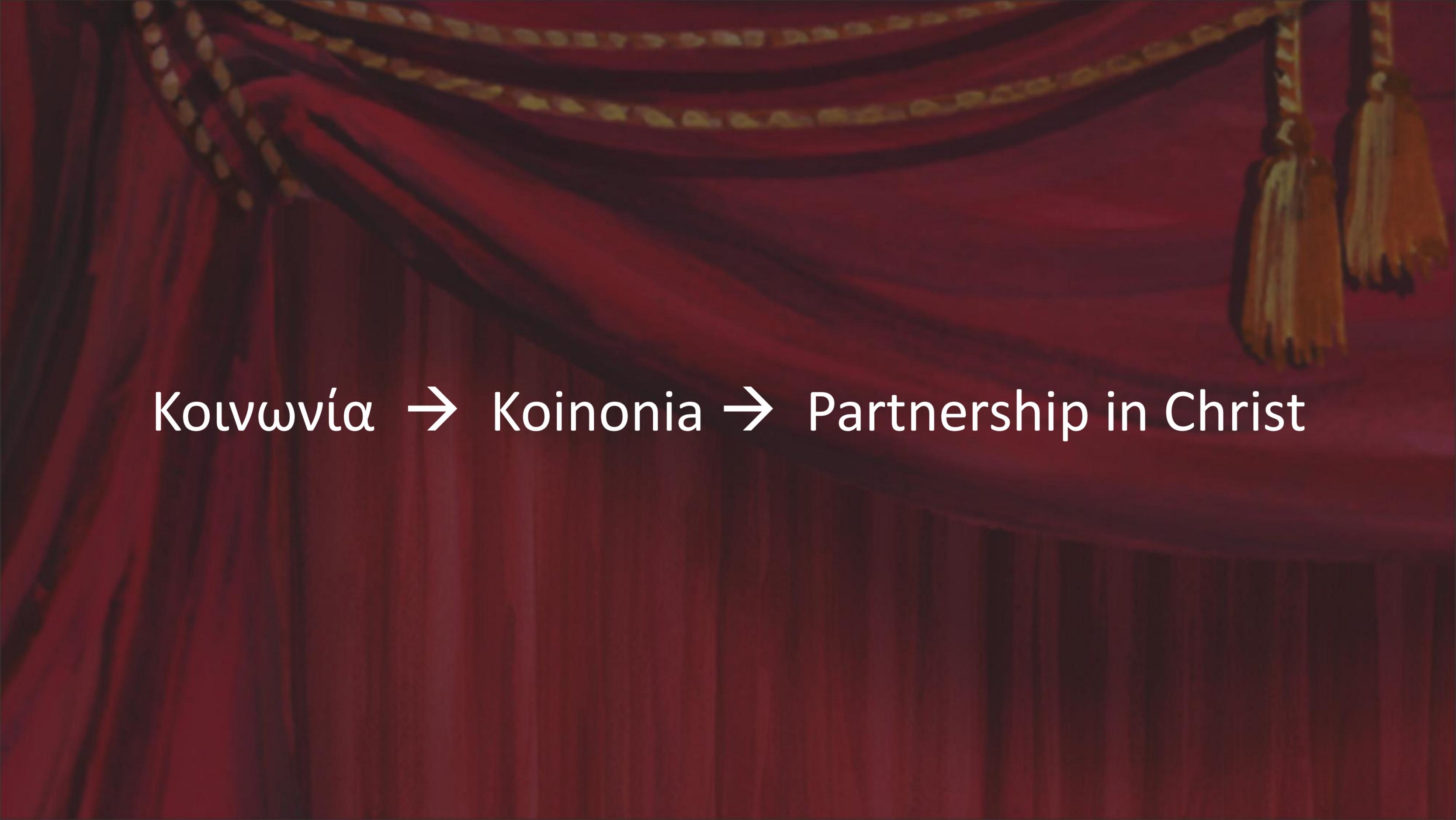
<https://bibleproject.com/videos/philemon/>

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.

Philemon 1:1-5 (NIV)

⁶ I pray that your **partnership** with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

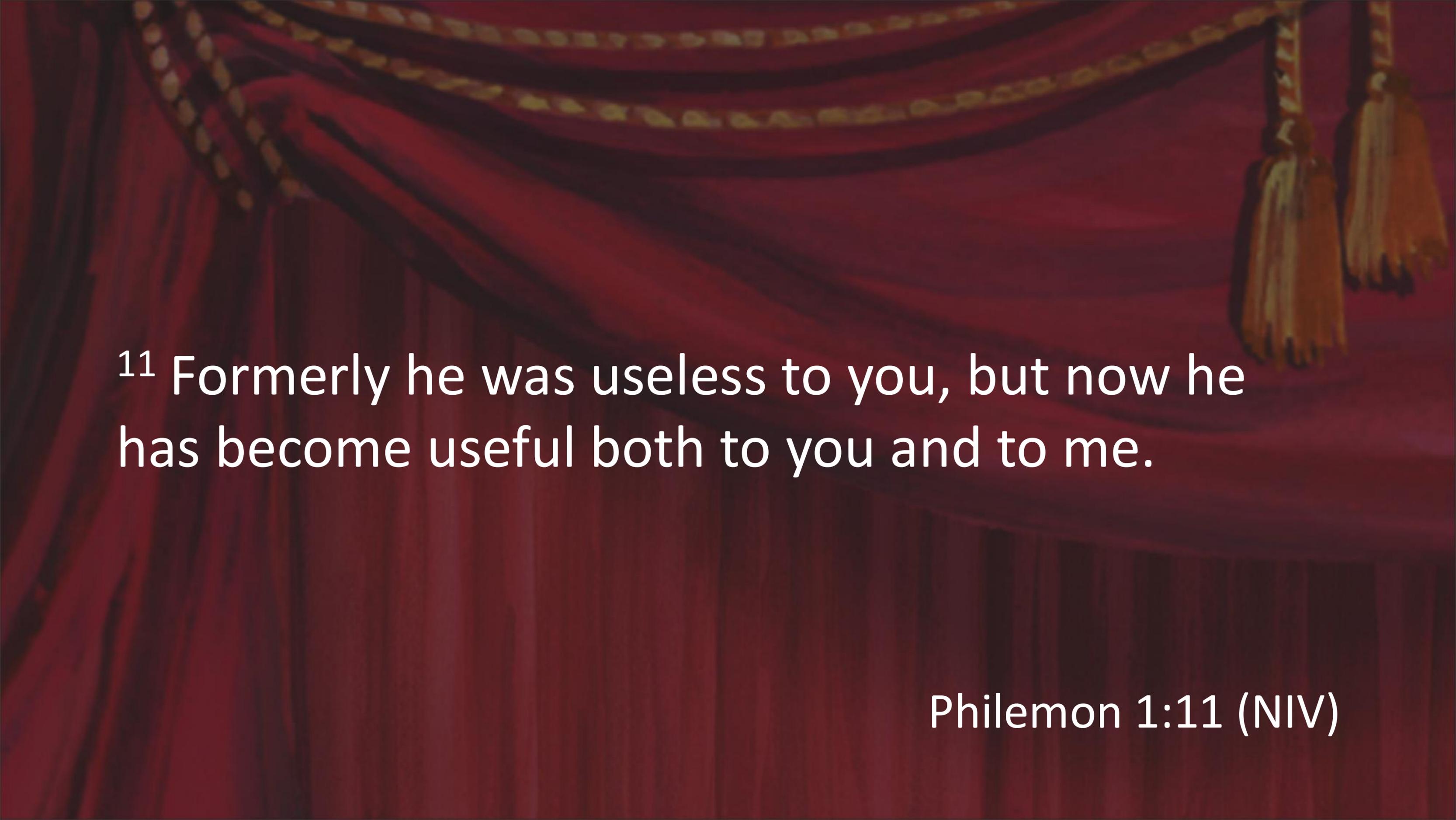
Philemon 1:6-7 (NIV)



Κοινωνία → Koinonia → Partnership in Christ

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

Philemon 1:8-10 (NIV)



¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

Philemon 1:11 (NIV)



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¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

Philemon 1:12-14 (NIV)

¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.

Ruth 1:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁷ So if you consider me a **partner**, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back . . .

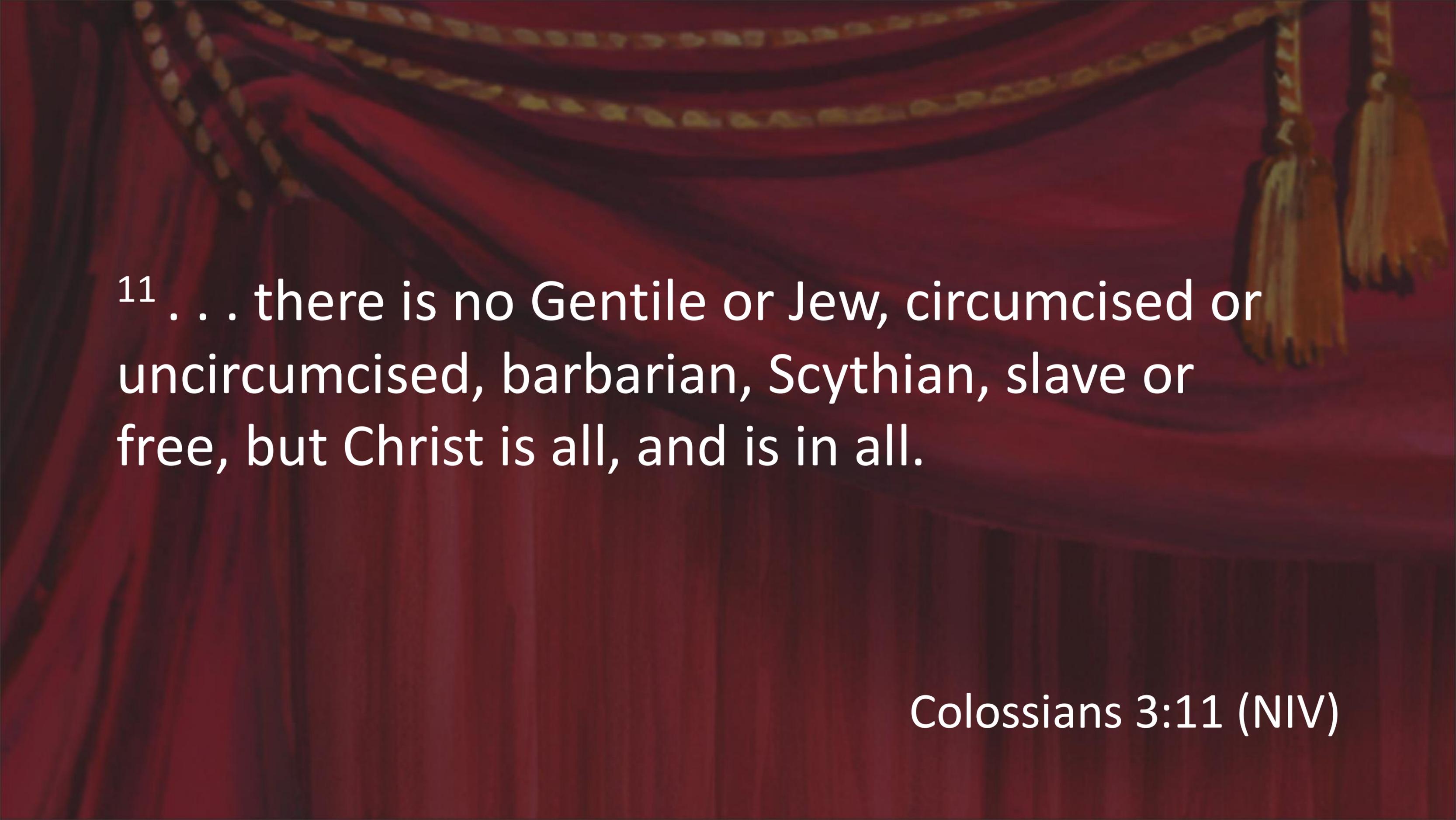
Philemon 1:17-19a (NIV)

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Philemon 1:19-21 (NIV)

²² And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers. ²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. ²⁴ And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philemon 1:22-25 (NIV)



¹¹ . . . there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Colossians 3:11 (NIV)