

Today's passage, verse 15, begins with the phrase 'through this' or '이로 말미암아' in Korean. In Greek, it starts with the words 'διὰ τοῦτο' or 'dia touto.' Paul often uses this expression, and it signifies summarizing the preceding content. The Korean Revised Version of the Bible translates it as '이를 인하여' ('through this'), and the English Bible translates it as 'for this reason.' So, it means 'because we believed in Jesus.'

Therefore, Paul is praying and saying, "I heard about the beautiful transformation that happened because the saints of your Ephesian church believed in Jesus, and I am thankful for that."

As we explore today's passage together, I want us to reflect on the beautiful transformations that occurred 'through being in Jesus' because we believed in Him. I hope to see and hear such beautiful stories within us who believe in Jesus.

First, the faith in Jesus as Lord

In verse 15, it mentions hearing about 'your faith in the Lord Jesus.' This means hearing that you believe in Jesus as your Lord. Believing that Jesus is the Lord, receiving His divinity and lordship, is crucial. Believing in Jesus as both Savior and Lord is inseparable (Romans 10:9, Philippians 2:10-11). Often, people believe in Jesus without fully understanding the concept and meaning of His lordship. As faith grows, one increasingly obeys Jesus, offering oneself and possessions to God. It's essential to reflect on who is the true master when we may be unsure, whether it's ourselves, our desires, or material possessions. We need to inquire if Jesus is truly our Lord and continue moving forward in that direction.

Second, love for all saints

A beautiful transformation that should manifest within us after believing in Jesus is love for fellow believers. In the latter part of verse 15, Paul expresses gratitude for the love shown by the saints of the Ephesian church due to their belief in Jesus. Believing in Jesus brings about a change within us, leading us to love other believers. When we believe in Jesus, we understand God's love, experiencing His grace and presence. As we continue to walk with God and let Him govern our lives, we come to know and exhibit love.

Third, unceasing gratitude

In today's passage, there's something crucial not to overlook. In verse 16, after mentioning 'through this,' Paul confesses, "I do not cease to give thanks for you." What does this mean? Even though Paul is currently in prison, he continues to express gratitude without ceasing. Why? Because he believes in Christ, he is saved. (Colossians 2:6-7) When we believe in Jesus, we should stand firm in faith and offer thanks. Gratitude based on faith brings about miracles. What is gratitude based on faith? It is being thankful for believing in Jesus, trusting that God is with us, protecting us, and guiding us through unseen circumstances.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus is accursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)

**Bible
Reading**

1/15(Mon)	1/16(Tue)	1/17(Wed)	1/18(Thur)	1/19(Fri)	1/20(Sat)	1/21(Sun)
Genesis 25-27	Genesis 28-30	Genesis 31	Genesis 32-34	Genesis 35-37	Genesis 38-40	Genesis 41-42

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Quiet Time Passage

1/15(Mon)	1/16(Tue)	1/17(Wed)	1/18(Thur)	1/19(Fri)	1/20(Sat)	1/21(Sun)
Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-44	Mark 6:45-56	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:1-13

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share something new you have realized or received grace through today's passage.
2. Reflect on your faith in Jesus as Lord and your love for all saints. Are they growing?
3. Look back on your life and see if there is gratitude based on faith. Share your thoughts.