

PHILEMON

"PERHAPS HE DEPARTED...FOR
THIS PURPOSE, THAT YOU MIGHT
RECEIVE HIM FOREVER...AS...A
BELOVED BROTHER."

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I. Introduction (vv. 1-3)

A. Authorship: Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy. (v. 1a)

B. Recipients: To Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and the church in your house. (vv. 1b-2)

C. Greeting: Grace and peace from God and Jesus. (v. 3)

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- II. Thanksgiving and Prayer for Philemon (vv. 4-7)
 - A. Paul's Thanksgiving for Philemon (vv. 4-5)
 - a. Paul thanks God, and always mentions Philemon in his prayers. (v. 4)
 - b. He hears of Philemon's love and faith toward Jesus and all the saints. (v. 5)
 - B. Paul's Prayer for Philemon (vv. 6-7)
 - a. That his faith shared with others would be effective through acknowledgement of every good thing. (v. 6)
 - b. Paul has joy and consolation in Philemon's love as the saints' hearts have been refreshed by him. (v. 7)

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- III. Appeal to Philemon for Onesimus (vv. 8-22)
 - A. Paul's Appeal to Philemon to Receive Onesimus (vv. 8-16)
 - a. Paul could have commanded Philemon, but instead he makes an appeal to him. (vv. 8-9)
 - i. For love's sake.
 - ii. Being Paul, the aged.
 - iii. Being a prisoner of Jesus Christ.
 - b. His appeal is for Onesimus. (v. 10a)
 - i. Paul had begotten him while in chains. (v. 10b)
 - ii. He was once unprofitable to Philemon, but now is profitable. (v. 11)

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 - c. He is sending Onesimus (Paul's own heart) back and wants Philemon to receive him. (v. 12)
 - i. Paul wished for him to stay to minister to him in his chains for the gospel on Philemon's behalf. (v. 13)
 - ii. But he did not wish to do so without Philemon's consent, that such would be voluntary, not by compulsion. (v. 14)
 - d. Perhaps Onesimus departed for the purpose of Philemon receiving him forever – not as a slave, but as a brother, in the flesh and the Lord. (vv. 15-16)

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 - B. Paul's Offer, and Confidence Expressed in Philemon (vv. 17-22)
 - a. Paul requests Philemon receive Onesimus as he would receive Paul. (v. 17)
 - b. If Onesimus wronged, or owes Philemon, Paul will take it to his account. (v. 18)
 - i. Paul is writing with his own hand. (v. 19a)
 - ii. He will repay, though Philemon owes himself to Paul. (v. 19b)
 - iii. He wants Philemon to give Paul joy and refresh his heart in the Lord. (v. 20)

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 - c. Paul has confidence Philemon will obey and do even more than he says. (v. 21)
 - d. He requests Philemon have a guest room ready for him, as he trusts through prayer he will be granted to come to him. (v. 22)

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- IV. Final Comments (vv. 23-25)
 - A. Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, send greetings. (vv. 23-24)
 - B. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (v. 25)