

~PHILEMON, LETTER TO (228)

.. Highlights Of Philemon

- A letter written by the apostle Paul with his own hand and addressed primarily to Philemon.
- Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, our brother, to **Philemon**, our beloved one and fellow worker. (**Philemon 1:1**)
- And to Apphia, our sister, and to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the congregation that is in your house. (**Philemon 1:2**)
- I Paul am writing with my own hand: I will pay it back, not to be telling you that, besides, you owe me even yourself. (**Philemon 1:19**)
- It must have been composed sometime after the start of Paul's first imprisonment at Rome probably **circa 60-61 C.E**, for the apostle entertained the hope of being set at liberty.
- But along with that, also get lodging ready for me, for I am hoping that through the prayers of you people I shall be set at liberty for you. (**Philemon 1:22**)

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- The apostles purpose in writing this letter was to encourage **Philemon** to accept his runaway slave Onesimus back kindly. Instead of using his apostolic authority to command him to do so, Paul appealed on the basis of love and personal friendship.
- For this very reason, though I have great freeness of speech in connection with Christ to order you to do what is proper. (**Philemon 1:8**)
- I am exhorting you rather on the basis of love, seeing that I am such as I am, Paul an aged man, yes, now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. (**Philemon 1:9**)
- If, therefore, you consider me a sharer, receive him kindly the

way you would me. (**Philemon 1:17**)

- Knowing **Philemon** as a man of faith and love, Paul was confident that he would receive his formerly useless, but now Christian, slave back as he would the apostle himself.
- I am exhorting you concerning my child, to whom I became a father while in my prison bonds, Onesimus. (**Philemon 1:10**)
- Formerly useless to you but now useful to you and to me. (**Philemon 1:11**)
- Trusting in your compliance, I am writing you, knowing you will even do more than the things I say. (**Philemon 1:21**)
- This is especially noteworthy, since **Philemon** had the legal right to mete out severe punishment to Onesimus.
- Besides providing an actual example illustrating the beauty of Christian kindness, forgiveness, and mercy, the letter tells us something about the early Christians. They assembled in private homes, called one another brother and sister.
- Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, our brother, to **Philemon**, our beloved one and fellow worker. (**Philemon 1:1**)
- And to Apphia, our sister, and to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the congregation that is in your house. (**Philemon 1:2**)
- Yes, brother, may I derive profit from you in connection with the Lord, refresh my tender affections in connection with Christ. (**Philemon 1:20**)
- Prayed for one another;
- I always thank my God when I make mention of you in my prayers. (**Philemon 1:4**)
- But along with that, also get lodging ready for me, for I am hoping that through the prayers of you people I shall be set at liberty for you. (**Philemon 1:22**)

- **And were encouraged by the faith and love manifested by fellow believers**
- **But along with that, also get lodging ready for me, for I am hoping that through the prayers of you people I shall be set at liberty for you. (Philemon 1:22)**
- **Sending you greetings is Epaphras my fellow captive in union with Christ. (Philemon 1:23)**
- **also Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers. (Philemon 1:24)**
- **The undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ be with the spirit you people show. (Philemon 1:25)**

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- **A letter encouraging that love and mercy be shown to a runaway slave who had become a Christian.**
- **Written about 60-61 C.E. while Paul was a prisoner in Rome Commendation of Philemon for his love and faith.**
- **Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, our brother, to Philemon, our beloved one and fellow worker. (Philemon 1:1)**
- **And to Apphia, our sister, and to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the congregation that is in your house. (Philemon 1:2)**
- **May you people have undeserved kindness and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:3)**
- **I always thank my God when I make mention of you in my prayers. (Philemon 1:4)**
- **As I keep hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the holy ones. (Philemon 1:5)**
- **In order, that the sharing of your faith may go into action by your acknowledging of every good thing among us as related to Christ. (Philemon 1:6)**

- For I got much joy and comfort over your love, because the tender affections of the holy ones have been refreshed through you, brother. (**Philemon 1:7**)
- Paul addresses **Philemon** as a beloved one and a fellow worker.
- Reports of **Philemons** love and faith move Paul to thank God and bring the apostle much joy and comfort.
- Paul sends back Onesimus as more than a slave.
- For this very reason, though I have great freeness of speech in connection with Christ to order you to do what is proper. (**Philemon 1:8**)
- I am exhorting you rather on the basis of love, seeing that I am such as I am, Paul an aged man, yes, now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. (**Philemon 1:9**)
- I am exhorting you concerning my child, to whom I became a father while in my prison bonds, Onesimus. (**Philemon 1:10**)
- Formerly useless to you but now useful to you and to me. (**Philemon 1:11**)
- This very one I am sending back to you, yes, him, that is, my own tender affections. (**Philemon 1:12**)
- I would like to hold him back for myself that in place of you he might keep on ministering to me in the prison bonds I bear for the sake of the Good News. (**Philemon 1:13**)
- But without your consent I do not want to do anything, so that your good act may be, not as under compulsion, but of your own free will. (**Philemon 1:14**)
- Perhaps really on this account he broke away for an hour, that you may have him back forever. (**Philemon 1:15**)
- No longer as a slave but as more than a slave, as a brother beloved, especially so to me, yet how much more so to you both in fleshly relationship and in the Lord. (**Philemon 1:16**)
- If, therefore, you consider me a sharer, receive him kindly the

way you would me. (**Philemon 1:17**)

- Moreover, if he did you any wrong or owes you anything, keep this charged to my account. (**Philemon 1:18**)
- I Paul am writing with my own hand. I will pay it back, not to be telling you that, besides, you owe me even yourself. (**Philemon 1:19**)
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- The imprisoned Paul appeals on the basis of love on behalf of the runaway slave Onesimus, who has become a Christian through his association with Paul.
- As Onesimus is useful in ministering to him, Paul would like to keep him, the apostle is sending him back, though, since he does not want to do anything without Philemons consent.
- Paul urges **Philemon** to receive Onesimus as a brother, as if he were the apostle himself, and Paul expresses confidence in **Philemons** doing even more than is being requested.