

# The Epistle Of Paul to Philemon

## *Greeting*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved and fellow worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church at your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## *Philemon's Love and Faith*

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God, always making mention of you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, <sup>6</sup> that the sharing of your faith may become effective in full knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For we have much thanksgiving and encouragement over your love, because the affections of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

## *Paul's Plea for Onesimus*

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command you what is fitting, <sup>9</sup> rather on account of love I appeal to you—being such a one as Paul, the elder, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ—<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment, <sup>11</sup> who

formerly was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable both to you and to me, <sup>12</sup> whom I am sending back. You therefore receive him, that is, my very heart; <sup>13</sup> whom I wished to keep with myself, in order that on your behalf he might serve me in the bonds of the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I wished to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good might not be by necessity, but rather voluntary.

<sup>15</sup> For perhaps he was taken away for a time on account of this, in order that you might keep him eternally, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> If then you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me. <sup>18</sup> But if he has wronged you or owes *anything*, charge this to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention that you owe me even your own self! <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, may I have profit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Having been persuaded of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say. <sup>22</sup> But meanwhile, also prepare for me a guestroom, for I hope that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

### *Final Greetings*

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow captive in Christ Jesus, greets you, <sup>24</sup> *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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