

## Paul's Letter to Philemon

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, a brother: to Philemon, our beloved and fellow labourer; <sup>2</sup> And to Appia, our dearest sister, and to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the church which is in thy house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God, always making a remembrance of thee in my prayers. <sup>5</sup> Hearing of thy charity and faith, which thou hast in the Lord Jesus, and towards all the saints: <sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith may be made evident in the acknowledgment of every good work, that is in you in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For I have had great joy and consolation in thy charity, because the bowels of the saints have been refreshed by thee, brother. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore though I have much confidence in Christ Jesus, to command thee that which is to the purpose: <sup>9</sup> For charity sake I rather beseech, whereas thou art such a one, as Paul an old man, and now a prisoner also of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I beseech thee for my son, whom I have begotten in my bands, Onesimus, <sup>11</sup> Who hath been heretofore unprofitable to thee, but now is profitable both to me and thee, <sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent back to thee. And do thou receive him as my own bowels. <sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered to me in the bands of the gospel: <sup>14</sup> But without thy counsel I would do nothing: that thy good deed

might not be as it were of necessity, but voluntary. <sup>15</sup> For perhaps he therefore departed for a season from thee, that thou mightest receive him again for ever: <sup>16</sup> Not now as a servant, but instead of a servant, a most dear brother, especially to me: but how much more to thee both in the flesh and in the Lord? <sup>17</sup> If therefore thou count me a partner, receive him as myself. <sup>18</sup> And if he hath wronged thee in any thing, or is in thy debt, put that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I Paul have written it with my own hand: I will repay it: not to say to thee, that thou owest me thy own self also. <sup>20</sup> Yea, brother. May I enjoy thee in the Lord. Refresh my bowels in the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Trusting in thy obedience, I have written to thee: knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say. <sup>22</sup> But withal prepare me also a lodging. For I hope that through your prayers I shall be given unto you. <sup>23</sup> There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus; <sup>24</sup> Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke my fellow labourers. <sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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