

The Epistle Of Paul to Philemon

Greeting

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved and fellow worker,

² to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church at your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ I thank my God, always making mention of you in my prayers,

⁵ hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

⁶ that the sharing of your faith may become effective in full knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus.

⁷ 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

⁸ Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command you what is fitting,

⁹ 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—

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment,

¹¹ who formerly was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable both to you and to me,

¹² whom I am sending back. You therefore receive him, that is, my very heart;

¹³ whom I wished to keep with myself, in order that on your behalf he might serve me in the bonds of the gospel.

¹⁴ But I wished to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good might not be by necessity, but rather voluntary.

¹⁵ For perhaps he was taken away for a time on account of this, in order that you might keep him eternally,

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ If then you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you or owes *anything*, charge this to me.

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention that you owe me even your own self!

²⁰ Yes, brother, may I have profit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

²¹ Having been persuaded of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even

beyond what I say.

²² But meanwhile, also prepare for me a guestroom, for I hope that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

Final Greetings

²³ Epaphras, my fellow captive in Christ Jesus, greets you,

²⁴ *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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