

PHILEMON

¹ Paul, the bound of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, (*a*) brother, to Philemon, beloved, and our helper, (*Paul, a prisoner of the Messiah Jesus, or a prisoner for the sake of the Messiah Jesus, and Timothy, a brother, to Philemon, beloved, and our helper,*)

² and to Apphia, most dear sister, and to Archippus, our even-knight (*or our fellow soldier*), and to the church that is in thine house,

³ grace be to you, and (*the*) peace of God our Father, and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I do thankings to my God, (*for*)evermore making mind of thee, in my prayers, (*I give thanks to my God, always remembering thee, in my prayers,*)

⁵ hearing (*of*) thy charity, and faith, that thou hast in the Lord Jesus, and to all holy men, (*hearing of thy love, and the faith, which thou hast in the Lord Jesus, and for all the saints, or all of God's people,*)

⁶ that the communing of thy faith be made open, in (*the*) knowing of all good thing(s) in Christ Jesus. (*so that the sharing of thy faith be made open, in the knowledge of all the good things in the Messiah Jesus.*)

⁷ And I had great joy and comfort in thy charity, for the entrails of holy men rested [*or were refreshed*] by thee, brother. (*And I*

had great joy and strength in thy love, for the hearts of the saints, or of God's people, were refreshed by thee, brother.)

⁸ For which thing I having much trust in Christ Jesus (*or For which thing I having much trust in the Messiah Jesus*), to command to thee that that pertaineth to profit;

⁹ but I beseech more for charity, since thou art such as the old Paul, and now the bound of Jesus Christ. (*but I beseech thee more out of love, since thou art like old Paul, now the prisoner of Jesus Christ, or now a prisoner for the sake of Jesus Christ.*)

¹⁰ I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I in bonds begat,

¹¹ which sometime was unprofitable to thee, but now profitable, both to thee and to me;

¹² whom I sent again to thee. And receive thou him as mine entrails (*or And receive him as thou would receive me*);

¹³ whom I would withhold with me, that he should serve for thee to me in (*the*) bonds of the gospel; (*whom I would keep here with me, so that he could serve me for thee here where I am in prison for the sake of the Gospel or the Good News*);

¹⁴ but without thy counsel I would not do anything, that thy good should not be as of need, but willful. (*but without thy counsel, or without thy consent, I would not do anything, so that thy good doing would not be done as out of necessity, but out of thy own free will or willingly.*)

15 For peradventure therefore he departed from thee for a time, (*so*) that thou shouldest receive him [*into*] without end;

16 now not as a servant, but for a servant a most dear brother [*or but more than a servant, (yea), (a) most dear brother*], most(*ly*) to me; and how much more to thee, both in [*the*] flesh and in the Lord?

17 Therefore if thou hast me a fellow, receive him as me;

18 for if he hath anything annoyed (*or harmed*) thee, either oweth (*thee*), areckon thou this thing to me.

19 I, Paul, wrote with mine (*own*) hand, (*and*) I shall yield (*it*); (*and*) that I say not to thee, that also thou owest to me thyself.

20 So, brother, I shall use thee in the Lord; [*full-*]fill thou mine entrails in Christ (*or fill thou my heart full with the Messiah*).

21 I trusting of thine obedience wrote to thee, witting that thou shalt do over that that I say (*or knowing that thou shalt do even more than what I ask you to do*).

22 Also make thou ready to me an house to dwell in; for I hope that by your prayers I shall be given to you.

23 Epaphras, (*a*) prisoner with me in Christ Jesus, greeteth thee well, (*Epaphras, a prisoner like me of the Messiah Jesus, or a prisoner like me for the sake of the Messiah Jesus, heartily greeteth thee,*)

24 and Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, mine helpers.

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

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