

PHILEMON CAPAT (Letter to Philemon) ABOUT THIS LETTER

Philemon tah kuirhang hlangcong la la om tih sal khaw muep a khueh. A im khaw len tih Khrihca hlangboel a pumnah la a hnonah. He probably lived in Colossae, since Paul's letter to the Colossians mentions Onesimus, a slave of Philemon, and Archippus (Colossians 4.9,17).

Paul is writing from jail on behalf of Onesimus, a runaway slave owned by Philemon. Onesimus had become a follower of the Lord and a valuable friend to Paul, and Paul is writing to encourage Philemon to accept Onesimus also as a friend and follower of the Lord.

This letter is an excellent example of the art of letter-writing in the Roman world, and it is the most personal of all Paul's letters. The way the letter is written suggests that Paul and Philemon were close friends.

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS LETTER

Greetings to Philemon (1-3)

Paul Speaks to Philemon about Onesimus (4-22)

Final Greetings and a Prayer (23-25)

Uemnah Ol

¹ Jesuh Khrih kah thongtla Paul neh Timothy loh manuca neh kaimih kah thintlo neh bibipuei Philemon, ² ka ngannu Apphia neh kaimih kah

rhalkappuei Arklipas neh nang im kah hlang-boel taengah kan yaak sak. ³ Mamih kah Pa Pathen neh Boeipa Jesuh Khrih taeng lamkah Lungvatnah neh ngaimongnah nangmih taengah om saeh.

Philemon kah Lungnah

⁴ Ka thangthuinah takuem ah nang kah na saii te ka poek taitu tih ka Pathen te ka uem. ⁵ Boeipa Jesuh so neh hlang cim rhoek boeih soah nangmih kah lungnah neh tangnah na khueh uh te ka yaak. ⁶ Te daengah ni mamih ah Khrih ham a then mingnah cungkuem neh na tangnah dongkah rhoinaengnah te khuekcet la a om eh. ⁷ Nang kah lungnah dongah omngaihnah neh thaphohnah muep ka khueh coeng. Manuca na saeh, nang rhangneh hlangcim rhoek kah a kotak tah paang caih uh coeng.

Onesimas ham a Hloep pah

⁸ Te dongah a tueng te tah Khrih ah sayalhnah muep khueh sak ham ni nang n'tueih. ⁹ Patong bangla aka om Paul long he lungnah neh lat kan hloep. ¹⁰ Tedae Khrih Jesuh kah thongtla long khaw ka ca ham te nang kan hloep coeng. Amah Onesimas he hloong dongah ni ka sak. ¹¹ Anih te hnukbuet ah nang ham a hoeihae coeng dae, tahae atah nang ham neh kai ham khaw cong pang coeng. ¹² Anih te nang taengah kan tueih. Te ni ka kotak ah aka om. ¹³ Anih te ka taengla khueh ka ngaih. Te daengah ni olthangthen kah hloong khuiah khaw nang yueng la kai m'bongyong eh. ¹⁴ Tedae nang kah

mingpueinah pawt atah saii ka ngaih moenih. Te daengah ni nang a then loh kueknah lam pawt tih, namah kongaih ning la a om eh. ¹⁵ Tahae kah hnin at na paek uh rhoi dongah anih te dungyan na dang khaming. ¹⁶ Anih he sal voel pawt tih sal lakah olupuei la kai ham tah thintlo manuca la om coeng. Pumsa neh Boeipa ah nang ham muep lat hoeikhang coeng.

¹⁷ Te dongah kai he pueipo la nan khueh atah kai bangla anih te doe. ¹⁸ Tedae nang soah thae tih lai a ba khoem atah te te kai hut la nawt laeh. ¹⁹ Kai Paul loh kamah kut neh kan daek coeng. Kamah loh kan sah bitni. Te te nang taengah, 'Nang khaw kai lai na ba van,' ka ti moenih. ²⁰ Thuem pai, manuca nang, kai tah nang lamlong ni Boeipa dongah ka hoeikhang. Ka kotak tah Khrih ah mong coeng.

²¹ Nang kah olngainah te ka pangtung dongah ni nang taengah kan daek. Ka thui te a pueh la na saii pataeng ni tila ka ming. ²² Pahoi ah kai ham khaw pahnah rhoekbah lah. Nangmih kah thangthuinah rhangneh nangmih khodawkungai ham te ka ngaiuep.

Hnuk tloih kah Ol uen

²³ Jesuh Khrih kongah kai kah thongtlapuei Epaphras, ²⁴ kai kah bibipuei rhoek Marku, Aristarkhu, Demas neh Luka loh nang te kut n'tuuk uh.

²⁵ Boeipa Jesuh Khrih kah lungvatnah tah nangmih kah mueihla neh om saeh.

^{1:23} Kol 1.7; 4.12 ^{1:24} Clt 12.12,25; 13.13; 15.37-39; Kol 4.10; Clt 19.29; 27.2; Kol 4.10; Kol 4.14; 2Ti 4.10; Kol 4.14; 2Ti 4.11

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