

The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle
To PHILEMON

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Paul won Philemon's run-away servant to Christ

and is now returning him with this letter

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy, the brother, to Philemon, our beloved, and fellow-worker,

2 And to the beloved Apphia, and Archippus, our fellowsoldier, and to the church in your house:

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

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

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

6 So that the sharing of your faith may be with supernatural working in full knowledge of every inherently good thing in you for Christ Jesus,

7 Because we have great joy and comfort over your love, that the insides of the saints have been given rest through you, brother.

8 Therefore, having much outspokenness in Christ to order you that which is proper,

9 Particularly for love's sake I call on you, being such a one as Paul *the* aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I call on you concerning my son, Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds,

11 Who in time past was to you unprofitable, and now profitable to you and to me,

12 Whom I sent back to you, and this one is of my insides; take *him* to yourself,

13 Whom I willed to hold to myself, that he might minister to me in the bonds of the good news for you,

14 But apart from your knowing I willed to do absolutely not one thing, in order that your inherent good not be according to necessity, but voluntarily.

15 Because perhaps through this he was separated for an hour, that you might have him in full forever,

16 Absolutely no longer as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, particularly to me, and how much more to you, both in the flesh, and in the Lord!

17 If therefore you hold me a partner, take him to yourself as myself.

18 And if he has done unrighteousness to you, or owes you anything, reckon it to me;

19 I, Paul, wrote *it* with my hand: I will pay in full, that I not say to you that you owe me also.

20 Yes, brother, *that* I may be gratified by you in the Lord, rest my insides in the Lord.

21 Being convinced of your attentive hearing I wrote to you, seeing that you will even do more than I say.

22 And at the same time also prepare hospitality for me, because I expect that through your prayers I shall be graced to you.

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Paul personal greetings

23 Embrace Epaphras, my
fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus,

24 Marcus, Aristarchus,
Demas, Lucas, my co-workers.

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