

# Philemon 1

- <sup>1</sup> **Paul**, a prisoner of **Jesus Christ**, and **Timothy** our brother, unto **Philemon** our *dearly* beloved, and fellowlabourer,
- <sup>2</sup> And to our beloved **Apphia**, and **Archippus** our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:
- <sup>3</sup> Grace to you, and peace, from **God** our **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
- <sup>4</sup> I thank my **God**, making mention of thee always in my prayers,
- <sup>5</sup> Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast *toward* the **Lord Jesus**, and toward *all* saints;
- <sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in **Christ Jesus**.
- <sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.
- <sup>8</sup> Wherefore, though I might be *much* bold in **Christ** to enjoin thee that which is convenient,
- <sup>9</sup> Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as **Paul** the aged, and now also a prisoner of **Jesus Christ**.
- <sup>10</sup> I beseech thee for my son **Onesimus**, whom I have begotten in my bonds:
- <sup>11</sup> Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:
- <sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine *own* bowels:
- <sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:
- <sup>14</sup> But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.
- <sup>15</sup> For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him *for ever*,
- <sup>16</sup> Not now as a servant, but *above* a servant, a brother *beloved*, specially to me, but how *much more* unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the **Lord**?
- <sup>17</sup> If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.
- <sup>18</sup> If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on *mine* account;
- <sup>19</sup> I **Paul** have written it with mine *own* hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine *own self besides*.
- <sup>20</sup> Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the **Lord**: refresh my bowels in the **Lord**.
- <sup>21</sup> Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do *more* than I say.

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- <sup>22</sup> But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.
- <sup>23</sup> There salute thee **Epaphras**, my fellowprisoner in **Christ Jesus**;
- <sup>24</sup> **Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas**, my fellowlabourers.
- <sup>25</sup> The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit. *Amen*.