

PHILEMON

- A. ¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother
B. To Philemon, our beloved *one* and fellow-worker
- ²And to Apphia *our* sister
 - And to Archippus our fellow-soldier
 - And to the church at your house
- C. ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ
- 1A. ⁴I am giving-thanks to my God always while making mention of you in my prayers
- ⁵Hearing-of your love and the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints
 - ⁶So that the fellowship of your faith may become effective in *the* knowledge of every good *thing* in us for Christ
 - ⁷For I had much joy and encouragement in your love, because the deep-feelings of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother
- 2A. ⁸Therefore, [although] having much boldness in Christ to be commanding you to do the fitting *thing*, ⁹for the sake of love I am rather appealing— being such a *one* as Paul, an old-man, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you concerning my child whom I fathered in *my* imprisonment, Onesimus
- ¹¹The *one* formerly useless to you, but now useful both to you and to me
 - ¹²Whom I sent-back to you (him! That is, my *own* deep feelings!)
 - ¹³Whom I was wishing to hold-back with myself in order that on behalf of you he might be serving me in *my* imprisonment for the good-news
- ¹⁴But without your consent, I wanted to do nothing, in order that your good *deed* should not be as-if based-on compulsion, but based-on willingness
 - ¹⁵For perhaps for this reason he was separated for an hour— in order that you might receive him in full forever
- ¹⁶No longer as a slave, but beyond a slave— a beloved brother
- Especially to me
 - But how much more to you— both in *the* flesh, and in *the* Lord!
- 3A. ¹⁷Therefore if you hold me as a partner, accept him as me. ¹⁸And if as to anything he wronged you or owes you, charge this to my account— ¹⁹I, Paul, wrote it with my own hand, I will repay— in order that I may not be saying to you that you indeed owe yourself to me!
- 4A. ²⁰Yes, brother, may I profit from you in *the* Lord. Refresh my deep-feelings in Christ
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- A. ²¹I wrote to you having confidence in your obedience, knowing that you will do even beyond *the things* which I am saying
B. ²²And at the same time also, prepare lodging for me, for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted to you
C. ²³Epaphras, my fellow-captive in Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-workers
D. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit