

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

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

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

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

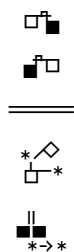
Chapter 1



Philemon



7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.



8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 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.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

<p>13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:</p>	<p>14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.</p>	<p>15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;</p>	<p>16 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?</p>	<p>17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.</p>	<p>18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;</p>	<p>19 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.</p>
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<p>20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.</p>	<p>21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.</p>	<p>22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.</p>	<p>23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;</p>	<p>24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.</p>	<p>25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.</p>
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