

# PHILEMAN 1 vs 1

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<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon the beloved, and our coworker,

<sup>2</sup> and to Apphia our sister, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church at your 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 you always in my prayers,

<sup>5</sup> because I her of your love for all the saints, and the faith you have toward the Lord Jesus;

<sup>6</sup> I pray that your shared common faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> For I have great joy and strength in your love, because the hearts of the saints are refreshed through you, brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, although I have great confidence in Christ to instruct you to do what is proper,

<sup>9</sup> yet through love I urge you, since I Paul as an old man, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

<sup>10</sup> I urge you for my son Onesimus, whom I fathered while I was in chains.

<sup>11</sup> Once he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me:

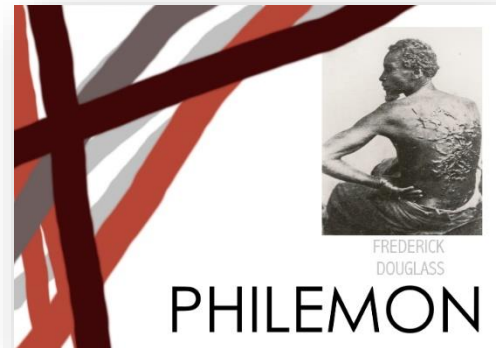
<sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you – who is my very own heart: so receive him:

<sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that in my confinement for the gospel, might serve me in you on behalf of you:

<sup>14</sup> But without your consent I would not do it; so that your good deed would not be out of obligation, but your own free will.

<sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a short time, so that you might get him back forever;

<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but more than a servant: a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?



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<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

<sup>18</sup> **If he has wronged you, or owes you, charge that to my account;**

<sup>19</sup> I Paul write this with my own hand, I will repay it -- not to mention to you that you own me your own self .

<sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, may I find joy from you in the Lord: refresh my heart in the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Since I am confident in your obedience, so I write to you, knowing you will do more than I say.

<sup>22</sup> In the meantime, prepare a guest room for me: for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you.

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus; sends you greetings,

<sup>24</sup> as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my coworkers.

<sup>25</sup> **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

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