

WOODEN PHILEMON

¹Paul, prisoner of-Christ Jesus, and Timothy the brother, to Philemon, the beloved-one and fellow-worker of-us, ²and to-Apphia the sister, and to-Archippus the fellow-soldier of-us, and to-the church according-to (the) house of-you^{sg}. ³Grace to-you and peace from God (the) Father of-us and (the) Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I-thank the God of-me always, making mention of-you^{sg} at the prayers of-me, ⁵hearing-about the love of-you and the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and to all the saints, ⁶in-order-that the fellowship of-the faith of-you may-be effective in (the) knowledge of-every good-thing [the] in us into Christ. ⁷For I-have much joy and consolation over the love of-you, because the affections of-the saints are-refreshed through you, brother.

⁸Wherefore having much boldness in Christ to-command you the appropriate-thing, ⁹on-account-of love rather I-appeal-to (you), being of-such-kind as Paul (the) aged, but now also (a) prisoner of-Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I-appeal-to you about [the] my child, whom I-begat in bonds/imprisonment, Onesimus, ¹¹the-one once useless to-you, but now both to-you and to-me useful, ¹²whom I-sent-back to-you, him, this is, [the] my innermost feelings, ¹³whom I was-wanting to-have with me in-order-that on-behalf-of you he-might-minister to-me in the bonds/imprisonment of-the gospel. ¹⁴But without [the] your consent, I-wanted to-do nothing, in-order-that the goodness of-you might-be, not as according-to necessity, but according-to willing(ness). ¹⁵For maybe on-account-of this he-was-separated for (a) time, in-order-that you-might-have^l him^l back permanently, ¹⁶no-longer as (a) slave, but more-than (a) slave, (a) beloved brother, especially to-me, and more by-much to-you, both in (the) flesh and in (the) Lord.

¹⁷So if you-have me (as a) partner, accept him as myself. ¹⁸And if he-wronged you with-respect-to-anything, or owes anything, charge this to-me. ¹⁹I, Paul, wrote/write (it) with my-own hand: I-will-repay (it), in-order-that I-do^l not^l say to-you that you-owe me yourself. ²⁰Yes, brother, I would have-joy in (the) Lord; refresh the inner-feelings of-me in Christ.

²¹Confident in-the obedience of-you, I-wrote/write to-you, knowing that even beyond what-things I-am-saying you-will-do. ²²And at-the-same-time also prepare me lodging, for I-hope that through the prayers of-you^{pl}, I-will-be-returned to-you^{pl}.

²³Epaphras, the fellow-prisoner of-me in Christ Jesus greets you. ²⁴Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, the fellow-workers of-me (salute you). ²⁵The grace of-the Lord Jesus Christ (be) with your^{pl} spirit.