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Philemon 1:1

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy to Philemon, the beloved and our fellow worker,

² and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house.

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

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

⁵ hearing of your love and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,

⁶ that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of everything good {that is} among us for Christ.

⁷ For I had much joy and comfort because of your love, because the inner parts of the saints are being refreshed by you, brother.

⁸ Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command you the {thing that} is proper {to do},

⁹ because of love I appeal to you instead—being such a one as Paul, an elder, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in my chains.

¹¹ The one formerly useless to you, but now useful both to you and to me,

¹² whom I have sent back to you—him—this one is my inner parts;

¹³ whom I desired to keep with me, so that he might serve me on behalf of you in the chains of the gospel.

¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your good {deed} might not be as according to compulsion but according to good will.

¹⁵ For perhaps because of this he was separated from {you} for an hour, so that you might have him back forever,

¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me, but much more so to you, in both the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ Therefore, if you have me {as} a partner, receive him as me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you or owes {you} anything, charge that to me.

¹⁹ I, Paul, wrote this with my own hand. I myself will pay it back—in order not to say to you that you also owe me even your own self!

²⁰ Yes, brother, may I benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my inner parts in Christ.

²¹ Having become confident in your obedience, I wrote to you, having known that you will do even beyond what I am saying.

²² But at the same time, also prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given back to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

²⁴ Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, {and} Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen.