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Jesus and God's Spirit

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Jon:

I'm Jon Collins, and this is The Bible Project podcast. We're in the final stretch of a conversation about the portrayal of God as a character in the Bible. If you've been following along, you know that all of these conversations have been leading up to a video that we wrote and produced on the character of God.

It's been a long conversation. We've started at the beginning of the biblical story, and we've looked at many of the surprising ways that God is described in the Bible, how His identity is complex. Now we've made it to the Apostle Paul.

Last week, we looked at a number of passages where Paul wrestles through how Jesus is connected to the identity of God. In this week, we'll continue to look at some of the writings of Paul and how he connects the identity of God's Spirit through the Father and to Jesus.

Tim:

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Jon:

So in this episode, we'll look at a couple of passages of Paul including this one in Romans 8: "You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if, in fact, the Spirit of God dwells in you. And anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you."

This is a pretty dense passage. Paul takes a category we're familiar with from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Spirit of God, and connects it both to the Father and to Jesus in a very tightly intertwined way.

Tim:

This is very similar to the Shema where he is using an Old Testament shelf. Here the shelf is the Spirit of God. Just think first sentences of Genesis. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the land was Tohu wa-bohu, formless and void, darkness was in the surface of the deep but the Spirit of God was there."

So it's God and it's a way of talking about God's immediate personal presence giving life within creation. So the spirit is always the Spirit of God. It's a second self, so to speak. But now he's taken the God's Spirit unity and he's just put Jesus right in there so that he can say Spirit of God or Spirit of Christ.

Jon:

Today, we read some of the earliest Christian texts on the Spirit of God. Thanks for joining us. Here we go.

We're talking about God. I feel like I've been starting every conversation with that Phrase. "We're talking about God."

Tim: That's right.

Jon: In the last conversation, we talked about Jesus being identified with the Father, kind of that.

Tim: Jesus alongside the Father, and together described by Paul as the one God.

Jon: The one God. Now we're going to talk about how Paul's doing that same thing but

then throwing the Spirit in the mix.

Tim: Exactly. Yeah, exactly right.

Jon: Cool.

Tim: Just like on that same principle, Paul wraps Jesus and the Father together as the

one God. We just look at a couple. You could look at them all day. They are so many. There's also a whole other collection of passages in Paul's writings where he

does the same bundling but adding a third party into the mix - the Spirit.

Jon: Third entity.

Tim: People sometimes call these the Trinitarian texts in Paul. It's not the word Paul uses.

But these are the passage in the apostles' writings that were recognized and were later described in the history of the church as the Trinity. For example, here's just one from Paul's letter to the Galatians. His most...Oh, gosh. I was going to say his most emotionally intense letter, but I think he was just a most emotionally intense dude. But he's really worked out because there's a whole bunch of non-Jewish

followers of Jesus, the Messiah-

Jon: Which he stoked on.

Tim: I mean, he got to tell them the good news of Jesus. A whole bunch of them gave

their allegiance to Jesus, the Holy Spirit did some amazing things in their midst. He leaves on a business trip, and then he gets a report that some people, some followers of Jesus who are ethnically Jewish came to town and started saying, "That's cool that you're down for Jesus, but you're not really on his team until you tell the men to get circumcised." That's what this whole letters about, is why he thinks

that screwed up.

Jon: Yeah, why he's pretty bumped on that.

Tim: He makes a bunch of arguments about Abraham and faith and Jesus about why, but

now he's going to bring into this argument the Spirit. That their experience of the Spirit of God shows that they are on equal standing with ethnic Jews when they come to the Messiah. This is Galatians 4. "But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the Torah so that he might redeem those who are under the Torah so that we might receive the adoption as sons." Dude, his logic is so dense right there. He's assuming the whole storyline of Old

Testament in just these sentences there.

Jon: Because he's the seed of the woman?

Tim: He's the seed of the woman and he's the seed of Abraham.

Jon: Because he's born under the Torah?

Tim: He's born under the Torah.

Jon: Is that what means seed of Abraham?

Tim: He's born into the family of people that signed on the dotted line at Mount Sinai to live by the covenant terms of the Torah. But the covenant terms of the Torah paradoxically ended up condemning ancient Israel exile, because they're humans, and they kept breaking the terms of the covenant. And so he comes to redeem those under the Torah so that the rest of the nations might be blessed by the family of Abraham. That's the logic with the biblical story.

What does it mean for the nation's to receive the blessing when Abraham's family is redeemed? It's that we, the nations, might receive the adoption as sons. And adoption is a metaphor that works multiple directions for Paul. One, it's that non-Jews get adopted into the family of Abraham by faith.

Jon: Grafted in.

Tim:

Yeah. Then, second layer is that humans get adopted into the divine community of love between the Father and the Son. Because look at what he says next. He says, "Because you are really sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into all of our hearts, so that we can cry out, "Abba, Father." All this Aramaic. It's Jesus' term for the Father. This is very dense.

But here's what he's saying. That the same intimate, eternal love relationship between the Father and the Son that exploded on the history with the baptism of Jesus...He's referring to the baptism story here.

Jon: How Jesus, his experience of God is that of Father. Then we looked at another passage—

Tim: The beloved one.

Jon: The beloved one?

Tim: In the baptism, the Father announces his eternal love for the Son through the Spirit.

Jon: So it's this very intimate moment. What was the passage we looked at where it said that the Father was only revealed through Jesus?

Tim: That was in Matthew 11.

Jon: That was Jesus talking?

Tim: Yeah. "Only the Father knows the Son and only the Son knows the Father."

Jon: So Jesus had this unique experience of God. For him, it is was Abba.

Tim: Abba.

Jon: And the Spirit was the connecting fabric for that in a way?

Tim: Yeah, at the baptism of Jesus.

Jon:

Then during Pentecost, we get the same thing, which is the Spirit coming, and Paul's here doing the same thing so that you can say Abba. So you could have the same experience Jesus had of a relationship with the Father?

Tim:

Yeah, of receiving the divine love of your creator. Regardless of how good or horrible of a human you are, if you accept what Jesus Messiah has done to redeem you, then God's own personal presence in the form of the Spirit of his Son will—

Jon: The spirit of his Son?

Tim: You reach this point where God, Son, Spirit, he can switch them in and out.

Jon: It's not the Spirit of God here, it's a spirit of his Son.

Tim: God sent his Son and God sent forth the spirit of his Son. It's the Trinity. Right here it is. In a first-century Jewish monotheistic rabbi become a follower of Jesus. Jesus has so caused him to redraw his concept of who Yahweh is that he begins to talk like this.

> Let me think. He's writing to non-Jewish recent pagan converts. This is not 20 years after the empty tomb. He isn't teaching them Aramaic words. He's like, "Remember, this is the stuff I told you. I taught you to call God, Abba because that's what Jesus called the Father. And we, by the Spirit are brought into the same internal community of love. He becomes our father."

That's cool. Jon:

Tim: Which is what Jesus went around telling people anyway. "When you pray, pray like

this: Our Father, our Abba who is in heaven." Very powerful.

Jon: Yeah, it's really powerful.

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Jon: Sometimes the Spirit is referred to as a Spirit or Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Spirit of God, sometimes like here, the Spirit of the Son. So it's just all one big intertwining

complex community.

Tim: Yeah, intertwining. Let's look at the next passage. This is the most well-known one for Paul nerds. I'll just let you read it. Romans 8:9-11. Just keep track of the divine

titles.

Jon: Okay. "you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is alive because

of righteousness." Can we just stop right there for a second?

Tim: Yeah.

Jon: Wait. You're not in the flesh, you're in the Spirit if the Spirit of God dwells in you. Cool. Spirit of God dwells in me so I'm in the Spirit. And then what is the Spirit? If anyone does not have the Spirit - but this time it's the spirit of Christ...So the Spirit of God and spirit of Christ, synonymous.

Tim: Interchangeable.

Jon: He does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, no longer is Spirit of Christ, it's Christ.

Tim: Yeah. You can be in the Spirit. The Spirit of God can take up temple residence dwelling in you.

Jon: You are in the Spirit, the Spirit is in you.

Tim: You're in Spirit, the Spirit of God's in you, and the Spirit of the Messiah is in you too.

Jon: What does that mean to be in the Spirit? I get the Spirit being in me in a way, even though I probably should really understand that I don't. I probably don't really understand it. Intuitively, it makes sense to be filled with something because I'm a big bag of flesh, and I'm full of stuff already. But for me to be in the...I guess that's intuitive too. I go in a closet; I could go in the ocean.

Tim: To be in the Spirit is a mode of being or existing. It's a mindset, where your mindset is influenced by another mind. In the spirit. Cool.

Jon: Cool. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead," oh, wow, that's the Spirit of the Father. Right?

Tim: It's the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead.

Jon: Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Let's just say Spirit every time and just see how this sounds.

"You're not in the flesh, but in the Spirit if the Spirit dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit, he does not belong to him..." Who's him?

Tim: Christ. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah, he doesn't belong to the Messiah.

Okay. "You're not in the flesh, but you're in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit, he does not belong to Christ. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." It's a lot of spirit. But it's like Spirit of Christ, Spirit of God, spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead.

Tim: This is very similar to the Shema where he's using an Old Testament shelf.

Jon: What's the shelf here?

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Tim: Here the shelf is the Spirit of God.

Jon: The ruakh of God.

Tim: So just think first sentences of Genesis. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the land was Tohu wa-bohu, formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, but the Spirit of God was there." So it's God, and it's a way of talking about God's immediate personal presence giving life within creation.

So the spirit is always the Spirit of God. It's second self, so to speak. But now he's taken the God's Spirit unity, and he's just put Jesus right in there so that he can say, "Spirit of God or Spirit of Christ." It's the same for him. He'll phrase it one way or another depending on the point of emphasis.

Jon: The life energy of God, the ruakh of God is the same thing as a ruakh of Christ and it dwells in us.

Tim: Yeah. He says "The Spirit of God" when he uses this template language "it dwells in you" first. He develops that first point. "Then if anyone doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah" here is talking about the renewed, redeemed, new humanity.

Jon: Got it.

Jon: So if you don't have the spirit of the new human, you don't belong to the new humanity. But if the new human is himself in you implied by the Spirit, then, your body might end up in the grave, but your truest identity is alive and will live on into the new humanity because God's declared you to be in right relationship with Him.

Now, if the spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead is in you, then that means to the grave isn't the end. Your body will have a new form of existence. Because of His life-giving Spirit who dwells in you, he wraps it all the way around

Jon: He wraps it back around. He didn't have to add that last bit.

Tim: No. That's right. I mean, his logic it's actually hard to follow.

Jon: It is.

Tim: You can do it. It takes time to chart out this paragraph and that sequence of thought. But the point essentially is, your true identity isn't marked by your human body that's destined for the grave. But Jesus was raised from the dead and he is in you through the Spirit and all that kind of logic.

Jon: Oh, you wrote out the beats here?

Tim: Oh, I just wrote down below the passage all of the divine titles. So you're in the spirit, the Spirit of God dwells in you, Christ is in you, the Spirit of God who raised Jesus is in you, his Spirit dwells in you. The reason why this is significant is—

Jon: And this is five different ways of saving the Spirit is in you.

Tim:

Yeah, that's right. And if the Spirit is in you, Messiah, Jesus is in you. Which means God is in you, and you are in God, and you were in the Messiah, and you are in the Spirit.

This is a little bit more nerdy, but it's a good example. This is coming from the earliest Christian literature that exists in history. Going back to when we started talking about the New Testament, you can agree or disagree with Paul's claim here about Jesus. But what a historian can't do is say, "I disagree with him. Therefore, the earliest Christians didn't really believe Jesus was divine. It was a later fabrication they made up about him." You can believe that if you want, but you have to stare at this piece of historical evidence to say, "20 years—

Jon: When would he have written this likely? Colossians?

> This is in Romans, which would be later in his career. Likely early 60s. But we're not 25, 30 years, and we have a robust network of Jesus communities all over the ancient Mediterranean world. And Paul can write to people he hasn't met. He's never been to Rome and he can write a complicated sentence like this with this deeply intertwined Trinitarian stuff going on. He's not arguing for this; he's actually just using this to make another point.

Jon: That you will raise from the dead? That's his point?

> Particularly, yeah. He's writing to a community that's being fractured along ethnic lines, Jews and Gentiles and he's trying to get them to act like new humans who will love each other across their ethnic divisions. So if your non-Jews are looking down on Jews and Jews are looking down on non-Jews, you are in the flesh, you're not in the Spirit.

So uses this complex Trinitarian language as if like...Of course, we all know...It's so fascinating. You have to explain this as a historian. And then you have to explain how this is the way people are talking right from the beginning of the Jesus movement, and this is exactly the kind of language you find later on in the Gospel of John, which is the last of the four gospels to be written.

In sections of John where he's talking about I and... We'll read it later.

"I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Jon:

> Many people say, "Well, yeah, it's the latest of the four so it's had half a century to develop and simmering," but it's exactly the same language you see here in this letter, which predates the gospel of John by many decades. So it's a good example where it's important not to let our own biases kind of screen out just the radical nature of these claims. Really powerful.

It is really powerful. This is off topic but we talk a lot about heaven or going to heaven when you die. Here's an example of he isn't talking about where you go when you die. He kind of take that for granted. He says, "Your spirit is alive because of righteousness." Then he doesn't say, "And your spirit will be with God in some

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Jon:

place." He just is like, "Let's cut to the real meat of the conversation. He will raise your mortal body." That's the important thing.

Tim: That's the ultimate hope.

Jon: That's the ultimate hope.

Tim: It's good. That's right.

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Tim: Icing on the cake is from second Corinthians. The last sentence of his second letter

to the Corinthians, Paul always writes a nice little poetic—

Jon: Benediction?

Tim: Yeah. Something beautiful to kind of, "Goodbye, you guys" or something. But he always says it in a beautiful way. This is how he ends 2 Corinthians. He says, "The grace of the Lord, kurios, Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all." So wait, what does Paul want that should be with them? And he just wraps them all three right there. The grace of Yahweh, kurios, Jesus, the love of God - that's Shema, love God - and the koinonia, the participation of the Holy Spirit. How do I participate in the love and the grace of Jesus and God? By means of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism story of Jesus, all of a sudden, it just starts leaking out everywhere.

That does seem to be a linchpin to this. I think that'll be an important part of the video, right?

That's right. It'll be something is revealed about the identity of God. Then that'll probably flow into the idea of how the Trinity is showing us the identity of God and what it means to, I guess, know this God and to be invited into the community of love.

When you think of being invited into the community of love as a type of relationship Jon: with God, is that like you've used the language of going through the veil, right? What's the vocabulary you've used? Like Jesus, the Son of Man he like gets through. Being in the community of love, does that mean you're also being pulled through in a way or is it means something different?

> Well, in the New Testament, you personally experience the presence and the love of the Father and the Son by means of the Spirit just like Jesus did at the baptism. That sets the paradigm. Then that's what the apostles underwent and experienced both at Pentecost. And then it just kept going. The Spirit is like the medium of how the love of the Father and the Son wrap us in. And that runs right through Paul's theology through the gospel of John.

> On a practical level, this is where early Christianity comes into its own as an Eastern mystical movement. It stops being about arranging thoughts in my head to

Tim:

Jon:

Tim:

comprehend a person. It's actually inviting us to know and experience this person. It's subjective.

Jon:

That kind of seems like a bit of a different focus than the storyline of the Old Testament a little bit. It seems like maybe I'm misunderstanding or maybe I'm not familiar enough, but it seems like this idea of experiencing God and being kind of invited into the love of God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, it's more about being the image of God and being the people of God, and that kind of thing. It doesn't seem like the language of experiencing God and His—

Tim:

Well, maybe it's just because we don't have time to sit down and read the whole Bible together. Although you've told us that's something you think we should do. It'd be cool. I just didn't have a room to highlight that.

Jon: Okay.

Tim:

There are multiple themes drawn upon by this intimacy language. One of them does begin with the covenant language (that's a marriage term) where it's one of the main types of covenants in the ancient world and the modern world. There's a phrase in the Old Testament all the time of like, "Why did I call the family of Abraham? So that I may be your God, and you may be my people."

Jon: It's a sacred relationship.

Tim:

Which is similar to Song of Songs that "I am my beloved's and he is mine." It's that. And also the phrase "know" in Genesis. "The man knew his wife and she conceived." So the word "know" can—

Jon: It's some pretty powerful knowledge.

Tim:

That's right. Totally. It can be. It doesn't always. You have to look at context. But in Hebrew knowledge is a relational knowledge. So you get things like when Isaiah says, "When the Messianic Kingdom rules and all the animals get along, and children play with Cobras and don't get hurt," he says, "The land will be permeated with knowing Yahweh like the waters cover the sea."

Or Jeremiah says, "When the Torah is written on people's heart so that what they will is what God wills." He says, "then they will all know me. You won't have to teach your neighbors saying, "Hey, you should know Yahweh,' because they will all know me." We just haven't talked about that.

Jon: Yeah, we didn't look at that.

Tim: We can make a theme video called "Knowing God." "Knowledge of God."

Jon: I guess I'm wondering how similar to that theme video to this one.

Tim: That's true.

Jon:

Is it true? That's what I've been trying to figure out. Like is this video about the identity of God or is it about knowing God and the experience of God? Because how do we know the identity of God? It's through how God reveals Himself to us.

Tim:

There's two places in Paul's letters. One is in Galatians 3. Or is it 4 where we just read? Then another is in 1 Corinthians 13, where it uses this phrase of, "At some point, we came to know God." And then he stops himself and he says, "Excuse me, to be known by God." And then he keeps going. It's just these two little phrases in his letters.

The fact that he had to stop themselves twice in two different...I mean, this is like years apart. Then he would stop himself mid-sentence and make this little comment. In Paul's view of who God is, he isn't somebody that you just know because that puts me in the driver's seat. He's the known. And he stops and he says, "Actually, to know that God who is this complex unity, a community of eternal love, you actually don't know this God. In reality, what you discover is you are the one who's being known." And you're just like. "That sounds like a mystical philosopher."

Jon: It does.

Tim:

This came up earlier but there's different analogies. It's the same way we can be talking about our wives, but the moment they personally enter the room, it would be rude to keep talking about them in third person. All of a sudden, that changes the mode of my knowledge in that moment. And all of a sudden, I'm addressing a person who's there, and the way I talk and relate to them is now knowing them because they're there with you in the room. That seems to be underlying all of this. Is like what Paul says at Mars Hill. "In him, we live and move and have our being." There isn't a moment where I'm not being known by him if he's responsible for my existence.

Jon: But being known by him doesn't mean that we know him.

Tim: That's right. I can choose not to acknowledge that he knows me.

Jon: But at the same time, to know him is to be known by him. What does that mean to you, to know him is to be known by him?

Tim:

On a personal level, this has been really meaningful to me. I think when I became a follower of Jesus, I was so confused about life and the meaning of my life. Who Jesus was, was just so beautiful and compelling to me that it just came as this gift that Jesus is this one who regardless of the stupid decisions...I made so many dumb decisions as a young man. That this one would just whatever come on to my life radar screen as a just a voice of love speaking value and worth about me, that he would give his life for me, that he would be raised for me and somehow in Him and His love, my identity is secure. This is powerful stuff. It changed my life. That's a practical way. It inspires a confidence that isn't your own. It's not arrogance.

Jon: It's like, "I don't have to figure this out. Someone's looking out for me."

Tim: Yeah. I think it inspires a kind of life where you just can move forward in this humble confidence in the same way that I think a child who doesn't for a second question

their parents love for them just moves forward and acts in that in that confidence.

Because the child feels known by their parents. The child doesn't know the parents really.

Tim: Oh, that's a good analogy.

Jon:

Jon: The child is new on the scene. It's funny I think about that. Like Paxton, I was talking to him the other day about...Oh, I brought him to the Ski Church last week. He was asking about it and I was telling him how I used to work here. Then he goes, "When did you work here?" I was like, "That was long time ago." I was like, "It's before I met your mom." In his mind, there was not a category of before and it blew him. He was. "What do you mean?" Like before?" It was like a brain. Like, he doesn't know me.

He doesn't know what I was like as an 18-year-old.

Tim: He doesn't know you. He knows an aspect of you.

Jon: He knows the last six years, and most of that he's been drooling and crawling

around on the carpet.

Tim: Keep running with that. That's helpful.

Jon: But he does have confidence in our relationship. But I think confidence comes more from the fact that I know him and he feels known by me. I mean, he also feels like

he knows me. He doesn't really know me.

Tim: That's it. That's good.

Jon: Interesting.

Tim: Actually, the parent-child metaphor is precisely the point because it's Jesus own

language that Paul inherited and I think is reflecting on and developing. Child never

actually knows their parent. I mean, the relationship matures...

Jon: And eventually, you become more mature over years.

Tim: But the fact that he's asking you to call God, Abba, this very intimate and personal

> name of a child of a father means the stage of the child, adult parent relationship is the main paradigm here. Wow. I've never actually quite thought about it that way. A child doesn't truly know their parent, but they are known. And that's that being gives

them-

Jon: Their identity and their confidence.

Tim: Their identity and their confidence.

And there's something that is the child-like confidence and faith that my parents will Jon:

take care of me and is unique.

Tim:

It is. When a child doesn't have that, like many, many children don't grow up in an environment where they know that, it really marks those people and they have to do a lot of work to reckon with that and get over those obstacles as they get older. So it has a powerful effect. And that's the kind of effect that knowing this God has or ought to have on people, is both humility and towering confidence. Isn't that interesting?

Jon: Humble zealot is the term—

Tim: Because there's not confidence in yourself. It's confidence and being the one that

knows me.

Jon: I'm thinking about the beginning of the video, and it's like, "Okay, so let's talk about God. God is transcendent, so He is unknowable. But He also can be known. And then we could pull a little poem loop or actually more that we can be known by God. What does that mean we can experience God, but we'll never know God? He's transcendent, but we can't experience Him and be known by Him. And what does

that look like? And then we can start looking at all these interactions.

Tim: Here's how the story of this God is told in the scripture.

Jon: And here's how He's made known to all the characters, the forefathers. And then we

see that complex unity and then it all kind of ties down to Jesus.

Tim: It could be cool. You're going to be able to remember that? You're going to wade

through all of this?

Or listen to this again? Jon:

Tim: Yeah.

Jon: I'll write it down. Thanks for listening to this episode of The Bible Project podcast. If you're interested in learning more about Paul, let me recommend a few resources. First, check out some of Tim's sermons and lectures on our sister podcast. It's called Exploring my Strange Bible. Also, there's a world-class Pauline Scholar, N. T. Wright. He writes he has a website called NT Wright Online and he's got lots of classes there. Take on the letters of Paul, including the free class on the book of Philemon

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