

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fel- lowlabourer,	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 communica- tion of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowl- edging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.
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Chapter 1



Philemon



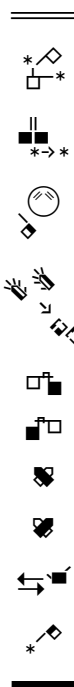
7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.	8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,	9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also 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:	13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:
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14 But
without thy
mind would I
do nothing;
that thy
benefit
should not be
as it were of
necessity, but
willingly.

15 For
perhaps he
therefore
departed for
a season, that
thou
shouldest
receive him
for ever;

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?

17 If thou
count me
therefore a
partner,
receive him
as myself.



18 If he hath
wronged
thee, or
oweth thee
ought, put
that on mine
account;

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.

20 Yea,
brother, let
me have joy
of thee in the
Lord: refresh
my bowels in
the Lord.

21 Having
confidence in
thy obedience
I wrote unto
thee, knowing
that thou
wilt also do
more than I
say.

22 But withal
prepare me
also a
lodging: for I
trust that
through your
prayers I
shall be given
unto you.

23 There
salute thee
Epaphras, my
fellowprisoner
in Christ
Jesus;

24 Marcus,
Aristarchus,
Demas,
Lucas, my
fellowlabour-
ers.

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