

Philemon

¹Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

²And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in your house:

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

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

⁵Hearing of your love and faith, which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

⁶That the communication of your faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

⁷For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by you, brother.

⁸Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin you that which is convenient,

⁹Yet for love's sake I rather beseech you, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰I beseech you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

¹¹Which in time past was to you unprofitable, but now profitable to you and to me:

¹²Whom I have sent again: you therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

¹³Whom I would have retained with me, that in your stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

¹⁴But without your mind would I do nothing; that your benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

¹⁵For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that you should receive him for ever;

¹⁶Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto you, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

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

¹⁸If he has wronged you, or owes you ought, put that on mine account;

¹⁹I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to you how you owest unto me even yours own self besides.

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

²¹Having confidence in your obedience I wrote unto you, knowing that you will also do more than I say.

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

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

²⁴Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

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

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