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The Epistle of Paul to Philemon

{1:1} Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, {1:2} And to [our] beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house: {1:3} Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

{1:4} I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, {1:5} Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; {1:6} That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. {1:7} For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother. {1:8} Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient, {1:9} 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. {1:10} I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: {1:11} Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: {1:12} Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels: {1:13} Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: {1:14} But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. {1:15} For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; {1:16} 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? {1:17} If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. {1:18} If he hath wronged thee, or oweth [thee] ought, put that on mine account; {1:19} 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. {1:20} Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

{1:21} Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say. {1:22} But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

{1:23} There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus; {1:24} Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

{1:25} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with your spirit. Amen.

