

# Philemon

NASB

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

**1** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved *brother* and 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 the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**5** because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints;

**6** *and I pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for the sake of Christ.

**7** For I have had great joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

**8** Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do* what is proper,

**9** *yet* for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I fathered in my imprisonment,

11 who previously was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

12 I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart,

13 whom I wanted to keep with me, so that in your behalf he might be at my service in my imprisonment for the gospel;

14 but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your goodness would not be, in effect, by compulsion, but of your own free will.

15 For perhaps *it was* for this reason *that* he was separated *from you* for a while, that you would have him back forever,

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

17 If then you regard me *as* a partner, accept him as *you would* me.

18 But if he has wronged you in any way or owes *you anything*, charge that to my account;

19 I, Paul, have written *this* with my own hand, I will repay *it* (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

**21** Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.

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

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

**24** *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, *and* Luke, my fellow workers.

**25** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.