

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother,
unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, 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 communication of thy faith
may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good
thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. 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: 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 fellowlabourers. 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

