

## 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.

