

# Philemon Pt1

*A Devotional*

## PHILEMON 1:1

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

A PRISONER [63-0717]

Now let us turn over to a little Book that I never spoke out of before, in my life. And it's a very... Just one chapter, the Book of Philemon.

EASTON'S BIBLE DICTIONARY

(The) **Epistle to Philemon:**

*...was written from Rome at the same time as the epistles to the Colossians and Ephesians, and was sent also by Onesimus. It was addressed to Philemon and the members of his family.*

*It was written for the purpose of interceding for Onesimus (q.v.), who had deserted his master Philemon and been "unprofitable" to him. Paul had found Onesimus at Rome, and had there been instrumental in his conversion, and now he sends him back to his master with this letter.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 5371

**Philemon** {fil-ay'-mone}

1) *Philemon... was the name of a Christian to whom Paul addressed his epistle on behalf of Onesimus. He was a native probably of Colosse, or at all events lived in the city when the apostle wrote to him: first, because Onesimus was a Colossian, Col. 4:9; and secondly because Archippus was a Colossian, Col. 4:17, whom Paul associates with Philemon at the beginning of his letter. Phm. 1:2, It is related that Philemon became bishop of Colosse, and died a martyr under Nero. It is evident from the letter to him that Philemon was a man of property and influence, since he is represented as the head of a numerous household, and as exercising an expensive liberality toward his friends and the poor in general. He was indebted to the apostle Paul as the medium of his conversion. How they met, we do not know. When he became a disciple, he showed much sincerity and power in his faith. His character, as shadowed forth in the epistle to him, is one of the noblest which the sacred record makes known to us.*

**COLOSSIANS 4:9**

9. *With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.*

## **PHILEMON 1:2**

2. *And to our beloved [**Apphia**], and [**Archippus**] our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 682

**Apphia** {ap-fee'-a}

1) *Apphia meaning "fruitful", a Christian member of Philemon's household, and not improbably his wife.*

EASTON'S BIBLE DICTIONARY

**Apphia**

*"increasing", a female Christian at Colosse (Philemon 1:2), supposed by some to have been the wife of Philemon.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 751

**Archippos** {ar'-khip-pos}

1) *Archippus meaning "master of the horse". A Christian teacher in Colossae who is called by Paul a "fellow soldier". He was probably a member of Philemon's family.*

EASTON'S BIBLE DICTIONARY

**Archippus**

*"master of the horse", a "fellow-soldier" of Paul's (Philemon 1:2), whom he exhorts to renewed activity (Col. 4:17). He was a member of Philemon's family, probably his son.*

## **COLOSSIANS 4:17**

17. *And say to Archippus, **Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.***

## **PHILEMON 1:3-7**

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.*

## GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 4698

*splagchnon* {splangk'h'-non}

1b) *the bowels were regarded as the seat of the more violent passions, such as anger and love; but by the Hebrews as the seat of the tenderer affections, esp. kindness, benevolence, compassion; hence our heart (tender mercies, affections, etc.); a heart in which mercy resides*

### **PHILEMON 1:8-11**

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:*

## GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3682

**Onesimos** {on-ay'-sim-os}

1) *Onesimus meaning "**profitable or useful**", was the name of the servant or slave in whose behalf Paul wrote the Epistle of Philemon. He was a native, or certainly an inhabitant, of Colosse. Col. 4:9. He fled from his master and escaped to Rome, where he was led to embrace the gospel through Paul's instrumentality. After his conversion the most happy and friendly relations sprung up between the teacher and disciple. Whether Paul desired his presence as a personal attendant or as a minister of the gospel is not certain from verse 13 of the epistle.*

## EASTON'S BIBLE DICTIONARY

### **Onesimus**

*"**useful**", a slave who, after robbing his master Philemon (q.v.) at Colosse, fled to Rome, where he was converted by the apostle Paul, who sent him back to his master with the epistle which bears his name. In it he beseeches Philemon to receive his slave as a "faithful and beloved brother." Paul offers to pay to Philemon anything his slave had taken, and to bear the wrong he had done him. He was accompanied on his return by Tychicus, the bearer of the Epistle to the Colossians...*

*The story of this fugitive Colossian slave is a remarkable evidence of the freedom of access to the prisoner which was granted to all, and "a beautiful illustration both of the character of St. Paul and the transfiguring power and righteous principles of the gospel."*

### **PHILEMON 1:12-14**

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.*

## **II CORINTHIANS 9:7**

7. *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

## **PHILEMON 1:15-22**

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.*