



Study of Colossians and Philemon

A Doctrinal Statement of the Deity and
Supremacy of Jesus Christ

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PHILEMON				
Opening (1:1-3)	Paul's Commendation	Paul's Request	Paul's Promise	Conclusion (15:21-28)
	On the basis of the slave's conversion (1:8-11)	On the basis of the slave owner's friendship (1:12-17)		
	VERSES 4-7	VERSES 8-17	VERSES 18-21	
Tone	Praise	Plea	Promise	
Direction	Looking back	Looking within	Looking beyond	
Central Statement	"I thank my God always." (1:4)	"I appeal to you." (1:10)	"I will repay it." (1:18)	
Theme	Forgiving and accepting one another as brothers and sisters in Christ			
Key Verses	1:10-11, 15-18			
Christ in Philemon	Jesus is the Master, in whom believers are brothers and sisters in Christ (1:9, 15-16).			

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<p>By what authority could Paul give Philemon a command he must follow?</p> <p>What does Paul mean that Onesimus was begotten by him?</p> <p>How was Onesimus unprofitable to Philemon?</p>	<p>Philemon 1:8-11 ⁸Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, ⁹yet for love's sake I rather appeal <i>to you</i>—being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom, I have begotten <i>while</i> in my chains, ¹¹who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.</p>
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<p>What was the legal process for runaway slaves who were returned to their master?</p> <p>Why does Paul want Onesimus to returned to him?</p> <p>What does the phrase “for this purpose” indicate?</p>	<p>Philemon 1:12-16 ¹²I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, ¹³ whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. ¹⁵ For perhaps he departed for a while for this <i>purpose</i>, that you might receive him 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.</p>
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<p>What is the impact of the statement “writing with my own hand”</p> <p>What is the possible debt that Philemon owes Paul?</p> <p>What joy can Philemon send back to Paul?</p> <p>What dilemma does Philemon face with this request?</p>	<p>Philemon 1:17-22 ¹⁷ If then you count me as a partner, receive him as <i>you would</i> me. ¹⁸ But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. ²¹ Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.</p>
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<p>Why mention these men in this personal letter as in the letter to the Church?</p> <p>What was Philemon’s response to this letter?</p> <p>What should motivate our forgiveness?</p>	<p>Philemon 1:22-25 ²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴ <i>as do</i> Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers. ²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ <i>be</i> with your spirit. Amen.</p>
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