

PHILEMON

Summary Of Philemon: Paul wrote this epistle during his first Roman imprisonment in 62 A.D. Philemon was a wealthy slave owner, whose runaway slave Onesimus had stolen from him. Onesimus ended up in Rome, met Paul, got saved, and was now being sent back to his master, repentant, and as a fellow believer.

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INTERCESSION

Summary: Paul intercedes for a slave with his master.

I. The greeting (1-3): (A) the writer (1a); (B) the readers (1b-2); (C) the salutation (3)

II. The commendation (4-7): (A) thanksgiving (4-5); (B) prayer (6); (C) testimony (7)

III. The plea (8-12): (A) in love (8-9); (B) for family (10-11); (C) from the heart (12)

IV. The relationship (13-16): (A) he is my brother (13); (B) your are my brother (14); (C) he is your brother (15-16)

V. The pledge (17-21): (A) charge his debt to me (17-19a); (B) consider your debt to me (19b); (C) refresh me in this matter (20-21).

VI. The conclusion (22-25): (A) the preparation (22); (B) the greetings (23-24); (C) the benediction (25)

Lesson: *We hear the gospel in Paul's words: "receive him as you would me...put that on my account" (v. 17-18).*