

PHILEMON

“REFRESH MY HEART IN CHRIST” (vs. 12)

<u>Main Character:</u> Philemon	<u>Main Character:</u> Onesimus	<u>Main Character:</u> Paul
<p>Paul's Courtesy (v.1-3)</p> <p>Paul's Compliment (v.4-8)</p> <p>1 1-7</p>	<p>Paul's Counsel (v.8-21)</p> <p>1 8-17</p>	<p>Paul's Conclusion (v.22-25)</p> <p>1 18-25</p>
<p>Praise of Philemon</p>	<p>Plea for Onesimus</p>	<p>Promise of Paul</p>
<p>FAITH & LOVE</p>	<p>CONVERSION & RESTORATION</p>	<p>SURETY & CONFIDENCE</p>
<p>“not by compulsion, but of your own free will.” (vs. 14)</p>		

COLOSSIANS

“CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL . . .” (3:1)

Mainly Personal	Mainly Doctrinal	Mainly Practical	Mainly Personal
1	2	3	4
True Doctrine	False Doctrine	Godly Living	Fellowship
Who Jesus Is	What He's Done For Us	What We Should Do About It	Who We Should Serve
Christ In Us 1:27	Christ Making Us Complete 2:10	Doing All In Christ 3:17	Christ Is Our Master 4:7

THE VALUE OF PHILEMON:

A Model Of Christian Courtesy

A Manifestation Of Christian Love

A Monument Of Christian Conversion

Compiling Canon of NT

Ephesus – last decade of first century





New Testament Postcards

A Study of Philemon, 2 John,
3 John, and Jude

AUTHOR OF PHILEMON

- ¹ **Paul**, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and **Timothy** our brother,
To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, ² to the beloved Apphia,
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house
- ⁹ yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—being such a one as **Paul**, the
aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ—
- 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.

Written from Roman Prison

Comparison with Colossians

1. Both written when Paul was in chains

Phlm 1 Paul, a **prisoner** of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother

Phlm 10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten
while in my **chains**

Phlm 13 that on your behalf he might minister to me in my **chains** for the gospel

Phlm 23 Epaphras, my fellow **prisoner** in Christ Jesus, greets you

Col 4:10 Aristarchus my fellow **prisoner** greets you

4:18 This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my **chains**.

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Comparison with Colossians

2. Timothy joined Paul in both epistles

Phlm 1 **Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother**

Col 1:1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother**

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Comparison with Colossians

3. Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke joined in the salutation of both

Phlm 23-24

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do **Mark**, **Aristarchus**, **Demas**, **Luke**, my fellow laborers.

Col 4:10-14

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with **Mark** the cousin of Barnabas ... **Epaphras**, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, ... **Luke** the beloved physician and **Demas** greet you.

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Comparison with Colossians

4. Onesimus - the messengers of both epistles

Phlm 10-12

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my son **Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, ¹¹ who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him back.**

Col 4:7-9

⁷ Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. ⁸ I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, ⁹ with **Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.**

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Comparison with Colossians

5. Archippus, addressed in both epistles

Phlm 2

To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, ² to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Col 4:17

And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”

DATE OF PHILEMON

- **1st Prison Epistles (61-63 A.D.)**
 - * **Ephesians**
 - * **Philippians**
 - * **Colossians**
 - * **Philemon**

- **2nd Prison Epistle (67-68 A.D.)**
 - * **2 Timothy**

BACKGROUND OF PHILEMON

- **Member at Colosse: (1-2; Col 4:17)**
- **Very Hospitable: (1-2,5,7)**
- **Convert of Paul: (19)**
- **Apphia (wife) & Archippus (son)? home: church (1-2)**
- **Onesimus his runaway slave: (16)**
- **Ran to Rome – met Paul: (15)**
- **Converted by Paul: (10)**
- **Became dear to Paul: (11-13)**
- **Sending back to Philemon: (12-14)**
- **Expecting release & return: (22)**

Dear Philemon



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Reading
Paul's
Postcard To
Philemon

Lessons I Learned

- All of us once wore “F” (Eph. 2:12)
- Our guilt was great (Rom. 3:23)
Our penalty was severe (Rom. 6:23)
- Grace offered by Advocate (I Jn. 2:1)
- Ransomed / Redeemed by Owner (Ac 20:28)
- Stop running! Return to God (2 Cor. 5:20)
- Fellowship saves lives / souls! (Paul & Philemon)
- Letters of Commendation (cf. Acts 18:27 Apollos)
- Forgive & Forget (Lk. 6:37 “forgive, be forgiven”)