

PHILEMON

¹ Paul, the bound of Christ Jesus, and Timothy, brother, to Philemon, beloved, and our helper,

² and to Apphia, most dear sister, and to Archippus, our even-knight, and to the church that is in thine house,

³ grace *be* to you, and peace of God our Father, and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I do thankings to my God, ever-more making mind of thee, in my prayers,

⁵ hearing thy charity, and faith, that thou hast in the Lord Jesus, and to all holy men,

⁶ that the communing of thy faith be made open, in knowing of all good thing in Christ Jesus.

⁷ And I had great joy and comfort in thy charity, for the entrails of holy men rested [*or were refreshed*] by thee, brother.

⁸ For which thing I having much trust in Christ Jesus, to command to thee that that pertaineth to profit;

⁹ but I beseech more for charity, since thou art such as the old Paul, and now the bound of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I in bonds begat,

¹¹ which sometime was unprofitable to thee, but now profitable, both to thee and to me;

¹² whom I sent again to thee. And receive thou him as mine entrails;

¹³ whom I would withhold with me, that he should serve for thee to me in bonds of the gospel;

¹⁴ but without thy counsel I would not do anything, that thy good should not be as of need, but willful.

¹⁵ For peradventure therefore he departed from thee for a time, that thou shouldest receive him without end;

¹⁶ now not as a servant, but for a servant a most dear brother [*or but more than a servant, most dear brother*], most to me; and how much more to thee, both in [*the*] flesh and in the Lord?

¹⁷ Therefore if thou hast me a fellow, receive him as me;

¹⁸ for if he hath anything annoyed thee, either oweth, areckon thou this thing to me.

¹⁹ I, Paul, wrote with mine hand, I shall yield; that I say not to thee, that also thou owest to me thyself.

²⁰ So, brother, I shall use thee in the Lord; [*full*]-fill thou mine entrails in Christ.

²¹ I trusting of thine obedience wrote to thee, witting that thou shalt do over that that I say.

²² Also make thou ready to me an house to dwell in; for I hope that by your prayers I shall be given to you.

²³ Epaphras, prisoner with me in Christ Jesus, greeteth thee well,

²⁴ and Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, mine helpers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

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