

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO PHILEMON

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timotheus the brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-worker, <sup>2</sup> and Apphia the beloved, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and the assembly in thy house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ! <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God, always making mention of thee in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> hearing of thy love and faith that thou hast unto the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, <sup>6</sup> that the fellowship of thy faith may become working in the full knowledge of every good thing that [is] in you toward Christ Jesus; <sup>7</sup> for we have much joy and comfort in thy love, because the bowels of the saints have been refreshed through thee, brother. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore, having in Christ much boldness to command thee that which is fit — <sup>9</sup> because of the love I rather entreat, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup> I entreat thee concerning my child — whom I did beget in my bonds — Onesimus, <sup>11</sup> who once was to thee unprofitable, and now is profitable to me and to thee, <sup>12</sup> whom I did send again, and thou him (that is, my own bowels) receive, <sup>13</sup> whom I did wish to retain to myself, that in thy behalf he might minister to me in the bonds of the good news, <sup>14</sup> and apart from thy mind I willed to do nothing, that as of necessity thy good deed may not be, but of willingness,

<sup>15</sup> for perhaps because of this he did depart for an hour; that age-duringly thou mayest have him, <sup>16</sup> no more as a servant, but above a servant — a brother beloved, especially to me, and how much more to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord! <sup>17</sup> If, then, with me thou hast fellowship, receive him as me, <sup>18</sup> and if he did hurt to thee, or doth owe anything, this to me be reckoning; <sup>19</sup> I, Paul did write with my hand, I — I will repay; that I may not say that also thyself, besides, to me thou dost owe. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, may I have profit of thee in the Lord; refresh my bowels in the Lord; <sup>21</sup> having been confident in thy obedience I did write to thee, having known that also above what I may say thou wilt do; <sup>22</sup> and at the same time also prepare for me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted to you. <sup>23</sup> Salute thee doth Epaphras, (my fellow-captive in Christ Jesus,) <sup>24</sup> Markus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lukas, my fellow-workmen! <sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [is] with your spirit! Amen.

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