

# PHILEMON

## *Request for Forgiveness*

### **AUTHOR**

Paul

- Writing to Philemon, a well-to-do Christian friend living near Collassae; the church met in his house.

### **DATE** A.D. 61

- Written from prison in Rome

### **THEME** “BOOK OF FORGIVENESS & RESTORATION”

- Onesimus, Philemon’s household slave had stolen money and ran away to Rome. Paul led him to Christ and sent him with Tychicus back to his master.
1. Forgiveness – based on a satisfactory Payment. (V. 18)
  2. Restoration – based on a new Position.(V. 15-16)

### **OUTLINE**

- a. Paul’s Praise of Philemon (V. 1-7)
  - i. 5 – “Hearing of thy love and faith”
- b. Paul’s Plea for Onesimus (V. 8-17)
  - i. 17 – “Receive him as myself”
- c. Paul’s Pledge & Assurance (V. 18-25)
  - i. 19 – “I will repay it”

### **KEY WORDS**

- Love (V. 5, 7)
- Beseech (V. 9, 10)

## **KEY VERSE**

Philemon 10&11

“I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:”

## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

1. This is the shortest of Paul’s epistles.
2. Every appeal made is based on love between friends.

## **CHRIST IN THE BOOK**

Paul’s appeal is a type of Christ’s intercessory work for us as High Priest – He pleads our new position in Him and secures our forgiveness by placing our debt on His account!