

PHILEMON

A. 1 Paul, a prisoner of **Jesus Christ**, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and **fellowlabourer**, 2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our **fellow**soldier, and to the church in thy house: 3 **Grace** to you, and peace, from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

B. a. 4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my **prayers**, 5 Hearing of thy **love** and **faith**, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all **saints**;

b. 6 That the communication of thy **faith** **may become effectual** by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

c. 7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy **love**, because the **bowels** of the **saints** are **refreshed** by thee,

d. **brother**.

C. a. 8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient, 9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as **Paul** the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

b. 10 I beseech thee for my son **Onesimus**, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

c. 11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, **but now** profitable to **thee** and to **me**:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore **receive him**, that is, mine own bowels:

d. 13 Whom I would have **retained (katecho)** with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

D. 14 **But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.**

C'. d'. 15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest **receive (apacho)** him for ever;

c'. 16 **Not now** as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to **me**, but how much more unto **thee**, both in the flesh, and in the Lord? 17 If thou count me therefore a partner, **receive him** as myself.

b'. 18 If **he** hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

a'. 19 I **Paul** have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

B'. d'. 20 Yea, **brother**, let me have joy of thee in the Lord:

c'. **refresh** my **bowels** in the Lord.

b'. 21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that **thou wilt also do** more than I say.

a'. 22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your **prayers** I shall be given unto you.

A'. 23 There salute thee Epaphras, my **fellow**prisoner in **Christ Jesus**; 24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my **fellowlabourers**. 25 The **grace** of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit. Amen.