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# Philemon

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and {our} brother Timothy to Philemon, the beloved and our fellow worker, <sup>2</sup>and to Apphia {our} sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house. <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God, making mention of you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>hearing of your love and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup>that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through {the} knowledge of everything good {that is} among us for Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I had much joy and comfort because of your love, because the inner parts of the saints are being refreshed by you, brother.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command you the {thing that} is proper {to do}, <sup>9</sup>because of love I appeal to you instead—being such a one as Paul, an elder, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in {my} chains. <sup>11</sup>The one formerly useless to you, but now useful both to you and to me, <sup>12</sup>whom I have sent back to you—him—{this} one is my inner parts; <sup>13</sup>whom I desired to keep with me, so that he might serve me on behalf of you in the chains of the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your good {deed} might not be as according to compulsion but according to good will. <sup>15</sup>For perhaps because of this he was separated from {you} for an hour, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me, but much more so to you, in both {the} flesh and in {the} Lord. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if you have me {as} a partner, receive him as me. <sup>18</sup>But if he has wronged you or owes {you} anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, wrote this with my own hand. I myself will pay it back—in order not to say to you that you also owe me even your own self! <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, may I benefit from you in {the} Lord; refresh my inner parts in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Having confidence in your obedience, I wrote to you, having known that you will do even beyond what I am saying. <sup>22</sup>But at the same time, also prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given back to you.

<sup>23</sup>Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, <sup>24</sup>Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, {and} Luke, my fellow workers.

<sup>25</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen.

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