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

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

[8] Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command
you the *thing that* is proper *to do*, [9] because of love I appeal
to you instead—being such a one as Paul, an elder, and
now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus. [10] I am appealing to
you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered
in my chains. [11] The one formerly useless to you, but now
useful both to you and to me, [12] whom I have sent back to
you—him—this one is my inner parts; [13] whom I desired
to keep with me, so that he might serve me on behalf of
you in the chains of the gospel. [14] 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. [15] For perhaps because of this he was separated from
you for an hour, so that you might have him back forever,
[16] 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. [17] Therefore, if you have me *as*
a partner, receive him as me. [18] But if he has wronged you
or owes *you* anything, charge that to me. [19] 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!
[20] Yes, brother, may I benefit from you in the Lord; refresh
my inner parts in Christ.

[21] Having become confident in your obedience, I wrote
to you, having known that you will do even beyond what
I am saying. [22] 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.

[23] Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,
[24] Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, *and* Luke, my fellow workers.

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