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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.