

THE EPISTLE
of PAUL *to*
PHILEMON

1 Paul, the bound of Christ Jesus [the bound of Jesus Christ], and Timothy, brother, to Philemon, beloved, and our helper [and our *even-worker*],

2 and to Apphia, most dear sister, and to Archippus, our even-knight, and to the church that is in thine house,

3 grace *be* to you [grace to you], and peace of God our Father, and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I do thankings to my God, evermore making mind of thee in my prayers,

5 hearing thy charity and faith, that thou hast in the Lord Jesus, and to all holy men,

6 that the communing of thy faith be made open, in knowing of all good thing in Christ Jesus.

7 And I had great joy and comfort in thy charity, for the entrails of holy men rested by thee, brother. [Forsooth I had great joy and comfort in thy charity, for the entrails of holy men rested, *or were refreshed*, by thee, brother.]

8 For which thing I having much trust in Christ Jesus, to command to thee that that pertaineth to profit;

9 but I beseech more for charity, since thou art such as the old Paul, and now the bound of Jesus Christ. [⁺more for charity I beseech thee, since thou art such as Paul the old, now forsooth and the bound of Jesus Christ.]

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I in bonds begat,

11 which sometime was unprofitable to thee [which sometime was to thee unprofitable], but now profitable, both to thee and to me;

12 whom I sent again to thee. And receive thou him as mine entrails;

PHILEMON

13 whom I would withhold with me, that he should serve for thee to me in bonds of the gospel;

14 but without thy counsel I would not do any thing, that thy good should not be as of need, but willful.

15 For peradventure therefore he departed from thee for a time, that thou shouldest receive him without end [that thou shouldest receive him into without end];

16 now not as a servant, but for a servant [but more than a servant] a most dear brother, most to me; and how much more to thee, both in [the] flesh and in the Lord?

17 Therefore if thou hast me a fellow, receive him as me;

18 for if he hath any thing harmed thee, either oweth, areckon thou this thing to me. [forsooth if he hath any thing harmed thee, or oweth, reckon thou this thing to me.]

19 I Paul wrote with mine hand, I shall yield; that I say not to thee, that also thou owest to me thyself.

20 So, brother, I shall use thee in the Lord; fill thou mine entrails in Christ [full-fill mine entrails in Christ].

21 I trusting of thine obedience wrote to thee, witting that thou shalt do over that that I say.

22 Also make thou ready to me an house to dwell in; for I hope that by your prayers I shall be given to you.

23 Epaphras, prisoner with me in Christ Jesus [mine even-captive in Christ Jesus], greeteth thee well,

24 and Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, mine helpers.

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