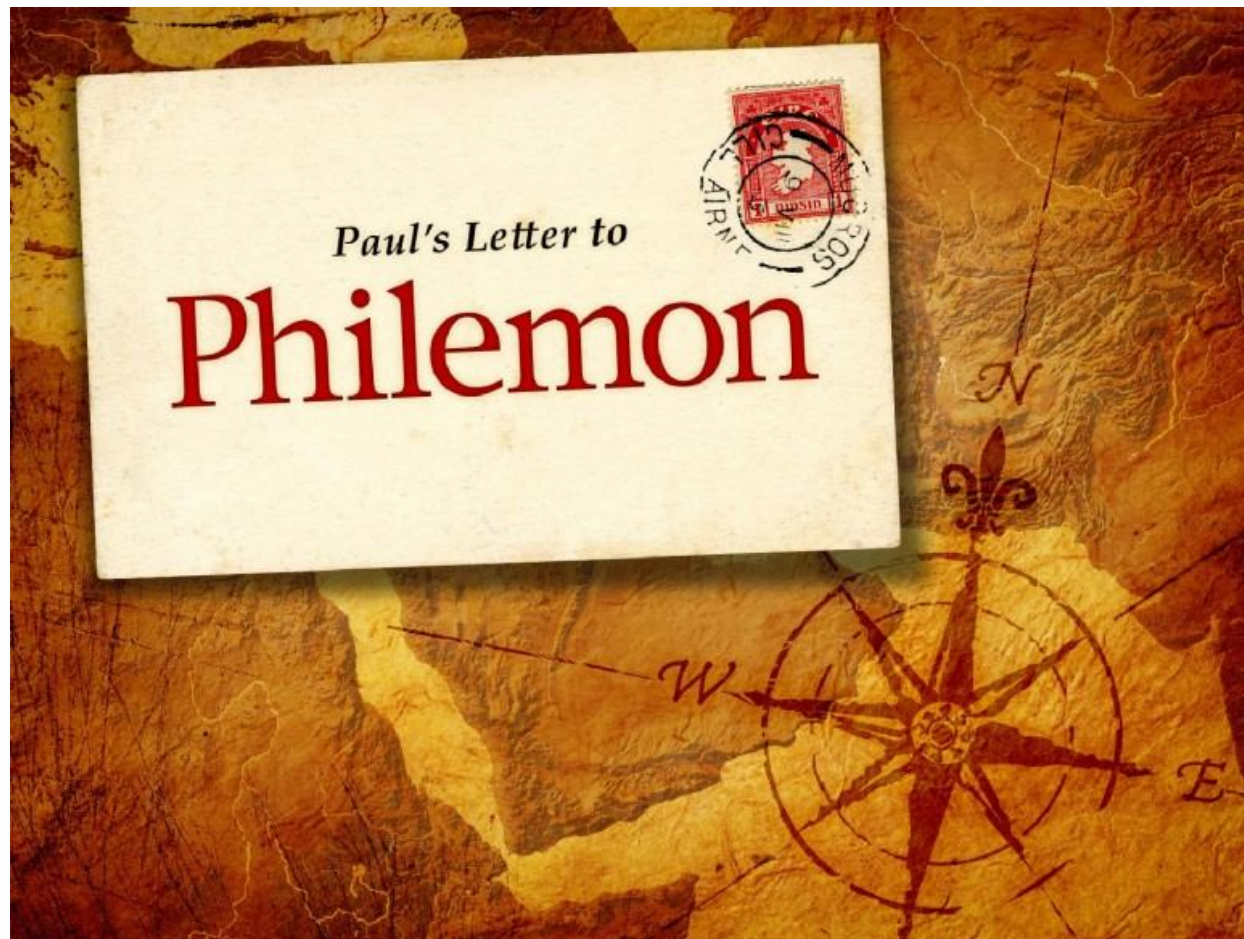


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#1 – Why Study Philemon?

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Because of its important Gospel themes.

- 1. Redemption – lost people matter to God***
- 2. Repentance – true repentance***
- 3. Regeneration – being transformed***
- 4. Reconciliation – restoring peace***
- 5. Restitution – making wrongs right***
- 6. Real Christianity – love one another***

#2 – Why Study Philemon?

To Discover that in Christ all are Equal.

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

Ephesians 6:8 *Knowing that whatever good thing any man does, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 3:11 *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

#3 – Why Study Philemon?

To Learn What Real Forgiveness Is

Philemon -The ball is in your court

- ***Forgiveness - to forgive or not***
- ***Anger - Revenge - getting even***
- ***Bitterness - pretending, but hurt***
- ***Grudges - wedge between us***
- ***Unresolved conflicts – acid attitudes***
- ***Hostage to bitterness – bondage***
- ***Conflict resolution - Matthew 18***

#4 – Remember Martyred Saints

Paul's Friends - Romans 16, Col. 4

Paul – *beheaded by Nero outside the city of Rome 64-66 AD*

Timothy – *beaten dragged through streets, stoned to death*

Philemon – *Buried up to waist then stoned his with wife.*

Apphia – *wife of Philemon, stoned by Ruler Artocles*

Archippus – *son of Philemon, slashed with knives*

Epaphras – *Colossians 1:7, 4:12-13 fellow prisoner, pastor*

Aristarchus – *Acts 19:29, 20:4, 27:2, Col. 4:10 beheaded Rome*

Mark – *rope around neck dragged through streets 68 AD*

Luke – *died in Rome before Nero, beheaded*

#5 – Learn Loving Fellowship

10 Endearing Words of Agape Love

- 1. Beloved" <27> (agapetos) in verses 1, 2, 16**
- 2. Fellow Soldier <4961> (sustratioetes) in verses 2**
- 3. Household <3624> (oikos) in verse 2**
- 4. Love <26> (agape) in verses 5, 9;**
- 5. Good thing, <18> (agathos) in verses 6, 14;**
- 6. Fellowship <2842> (koinonia) in verses 6, 17;**
- 7. Heart <4698> (splugchnon) in verses 7, 12, 20**
- 8. Brother <80> (adelphos) in verses 7, 20**
- 9. Refresh <373> (anapauo) in verses 7, 20**
- 10. Receive <4355> (proslambano) in verses 12, 17**

#6 – Why Study Philemon?

To Discover Yourself in the Story

Paul – do you live, pray, forgive, suffer, or make peace like Paul?

Onesimus – are you the failure and the one needing reconciliation?

Philemon – are you the offended one, the bitter one, the angry one?

Demas – departed, having loved this present evil world.

***Onesimus = “Once-I-Was-A-Mess”
his name actually means “useful.”***

***Paul uses a pun in verse 11:
“Once he was ‘useless’, but now he is ‘useful.’”***

#7 – Why Study Philemon?

Look into the Mirror (fix what's wrong)



Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. – James 1:22-26