

Philemon

Chapter 1

Pronoun Definitions

1 Paul, a **prisoner** of Christ Jesus, and **Timothy** our¹ brother, To **Philemon** our² beloved **friend** and fellow laborer,

- 1** - 1st our = Paul, Philemon and the believers
- 2nd our = Paul, Timothy, and the believer

2 to the beloved **Apphia**, **Archippus** our fellow **soldier**, and to the **church** in your **house**:

- 2** - our = Paul & Philemon
- Your = Philemon

3 Grace to you and **peace** from God our **Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 3** - you = Philemon
- our = Believers

4 I **thank** my God, **making** mention of you **always** in my prayers,

- 4** - my = Paul (Both times)
- You = Philemon

5 **hearing** of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

- 5** - your = Philemon
- you = Philemon

6 that the **sharing** of your faith may **become effective** by the **acknowledgment** of **every** good **thing** which is in you in Christ Jesus.

- 6** - your = Philemon
- you = Philemon

7 For we have great joy and **consolation** in your love, **because** the **hearts** of the saints have been **refreshed** by you, brother.

- 7** - we = Paul & Timothy (and Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke)
- your = Philemon
- you = Philemon

8 Therefore, **though** I might be **very bold** in Christ to **command** you what is **fitting**,

- 8** - I = Paul
- you = Philemon

9 yet for *love's sake* I *rather* appeal to you—being *such* a one as Paul, the *aged*, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ—

10 I appeal to you for my son *Onesimus*, whom I have *begotten* while in my chains,

11 who *once* was *unprofitable* to you, but now is *profitable* to you and to me.

12 I am *sending* him *back*. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,

13 whom I *wished* to *keep* with me, that on your *behalf* he might *minister* to me in my chains for the *gospel*.

14 But *without* your *consent* I *wanted* to do *nothing*, that your good *deed* might not be by *compulsion*, as it were, but *voluntary*.

15 For *perhaps* he *departed* for a while for this *purpose*, that you might receive him *forever*,

16 no *longer* as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, *especially* to me but how *much* more to you, both in the *flesh* and in the Lord.

17 If then you *count* me as a *partner*, receive him as you *would* me.

18 But if he has *wronged* you or *owes anything*, *put* that on my *account*.

9 - I = Paul
- you = Philemon

10 - you = Philemon
- I = Paul
- my = Paul

11 - who = Onesimus
- You = Philemon (both times)
- Me = Paul

12 - I = Paul
- Him = Onesimus (both times)
- You = Philemon
- My = Paul

13 - I = Paul
- Me = Paul (both times)
- He = Onesimus
- My = Paul

14 - your = Philemon
- I = Paul
- your = Philemon

15 - he = Onesimus
- you = Philemon
- him = Onesimus

16 - me = Paul
- you = Philemon

17 - you = Philemon
- me = Paul (both times)
- him = Onesimus

18 - he = Onesimus
- you = Philemon
- My = Paul

19 I, Paul, am **writing** with my own¹ **hand**. I will **repay**—not to mention to you that you **owe** me even your own² self **besides**.

- 19** - I = Paul (both times)
- own = Paul's
- you = Philemon (both times)
- me = Paul
- own = Philemon's

20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; **refresh** my heart in the Lord.

- 20** - me = Paul
- you = Philemon
- My = Paul

21 Having **confidence** in your **obedience**, I **write** to you, **knowing** that you will do even more than I **say**.

- 21** - your = Philemon
- you = Philemon (both times)
- I = Paul

22 But, **meanwhile**, also **prepare** a **guest room** for me, for I **trust** that **through** your prayers I **shall** be **granted** to you.

- 22** - me = Paul
- I = Paul (both times)
- your = Philemon
- you = Philemon

23 **Epaphras**, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

- 23** - my = Paul
- you = Philemon

24 as do **Mark**, **Aristarchus**, **Demas**, **Luke**, my fellow laborers.

- 24** - my = Paul

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

- 25** - our = Believer's
- your = Philemon