



PHILEMON

Philemon 1:4-7





John the Apostle writes from Patmos

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- Vs. 1-3
- Philemon – Apphia – Archippus
- Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7 – Tychicus
- Col. 4:9 – Onesimus
- Col. 4:17 – Archippus (2Tim. 4:5)
- Vs. 4-7 – Paul's greeting to Philemon

TO SLAVES

- ⁵ *Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. (Eph. 6:5-9 ESV)*

TO SLAVES

- ²³ *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,*
- ²⁴ *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*
- ²⁵ *For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.*
- **Colossians 4:1** *Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
(Col. 3:23-4:1 ESV)*

PAUL'S PLEA

- “Onesimus my son”
- *For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (1 Cor. 4:15 ESV)*
- Onesimus – useful, profitable, beneficial
- Vs. 11 & possibly 13

RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation – as Jesus reconciled God and man.
- Paul took the side of the guilty to plead for forgiveness.
- Paul offered to pay what ever Onesimus owed.
- Paul brought about restoration and improvement.