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Philemon

1:1: Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and

1:2: And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

1:3: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4: I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

1:5: Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

1:6: That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

1:7: For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee,

1:8: Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

1:9: Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

1:10: I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

1:11: Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

1:12: Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

1:13: Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

1:14: But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but

1:15: For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

1:16: Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

1:17: If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

1:18: If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

1:19: I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

1:20: Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

1:21: Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

1:22: But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

1:23: There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

1:24: Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

1:25: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.