

## PHILEMON: THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

### A. APPRECIATION for Fellow Believers (vv. 1-7)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this epistle is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Whose prisoner was he & what does this say about our circumstances?*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this epistle include . . .

a) \_\_\_\_\_ – a \_\_\_\_\_ believer and slave owner.

- *How is he described & why?*

b) \_\_\_\_\_ – Philemon's \_\_\_\_\_.

- *How were believers taught to respond to slavery in the Roman Empire?*

c) \_\_\_\_\_ – probably Philemon's \_\_\_\_\_.

- *How is she described?*

d) \_\_\_\_\_ – either Philemon's \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossae (Col. 4:17).

- *What can we learn from the description of Philemon? (vv. 2, 4-7)*

### B. APPEAL Based on Love (vv. 8-16)

1. Paul appealed to Philemon to \_\_\_\_\_ forgive Onesimus and receive him back.

- *What does this say about the nature of love & true obedience?*

2. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Onesimus met Paul in Rome, who \_\_\_\_\_.

- *What do verses 15-16 say about the nature of relationships in the Lord?*

### **C. ACCOUNTING according to Christ (vv. 17-25)**

1. Paul's promise to Philemon in vv. 17-19 illustrates the work of Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:21) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:14; Rev. 5:9).

Philemon represents \_\_\_\_\_

Paul represents \_\_\_\_\_

Onesimus represents \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paul demonstrated the \_\_\_\_\_ toward Philemon. (Phil. 2:1-8)

- *What else can we learn about relationships from the believers mentioned in vv. 22-24?*
- *On what note does Paul end this personal letter to Philemon?*