## THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON.

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#### NOTES ON THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON.

- 1. All that we know of Philemon is to be gathered from the Epistle bearing his name. He seems to have been a believer at Colosse, from the references to certain in the church there (see Notes below), and must have been possessed of means (v. 22). Paul's words indicate that he held his friend in high esteem.
- 2. Onesimus is the Latinized form of the Greek Onesimos, which means "useful", or "profitable". He was a slave (v. 16), and, fleeing from his master, found his way to Rome, where he was, under Paul, led to become the Lord's freeman, and "called being a servant (slave)", he cared not for it, but was willing to return to his master's service, whether to continue as slave or as "brother beloved" (v. 16). Paul sends the letter by Onesimus.
- 3. From Col. 4. 9. we learn that Paul had sent unto the church at Colosse Tychicus "with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you". For other references, see Notes.
- 4. The Epistle was written during Paul's first imprisonment at Rome, probably in A.D. 62. In no one of his Epistles is more clearly shown the great heart of the apostle in his care for every member of the church. See 2 Cor. 11. 28, 29.

#### THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

## PHILEMON.

1 PAUL, a 'prisoner of 'Jesus Christ, and Timothy 'our brother, 'unto Philemon our ° dearly beloved, and ° fellowlabourer,

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

3 ° Grace to you, and peace, ° from ° God our ° Father and the ° Lord ° Jesus Christ.  $\mathbf{B}$ 

4 I °thank my 3 God, making °mention of thee always °in my °prayers,
5 Hearing of thy °love and °faith, which BC

thou hast "toward the "Lord "Jesus, and "toward all ° saints;

6 °That the °communication of thy 5 faith may become °effectual °by the °acknowledging of every good thing which is ° in ° you ° in ° Christ ° Jesus.

7 For "we have great joy and "consolation °in thy 5 love,

because the °bowels of the 5 saints ° are ° refreshed ° by thee, 1 brother.

8 Wherefore, othough I might be much bold 6-in 6 Christ to enjoin thee that which is °convenient,

9 °Yet °for 5love's sake I rather °beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the 'aged, and now ° also a prisoner of 1 Jesus Christ.

10 I 9 beseech thee ofor my oson Onesimus,

whom I ° have begotten 6- in my bonds;

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

đ 12 Whom I "have "sent again: "theu therefore receive him, that is, o mine own bowels:

13 Whom 3° would have retained ° with me, ° that ° in thy stead he ° might have ministered ¹ unto me 6- in the bonds of the ° gospel:

14 But "without thy "mind "would I do °nothing; 13 that °thy benefit should °not be as °it were °of necessity, but ° willingly.

15 For ° perhaps he ° therefore ° departed ° for a ° season, 13 that thou shouldest ° receive him ° for ever;

Ap. 6.

that. Gr. hina.

and Rom. 5. 7.

See Matt. 6. 2.

gospel. See Ap. 140.

(Gr. parrhësia, freedom of speech). Cp. Acts 2. 29.

1 prisoner. Cp. Eph. 3. 1; 4. 1. 2 Tim. 1. 8. Jesus Christ = Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII. our = the.unto = to.

dearly beloved. Gr. agapētos. Ap. 135. III. fellowlabourer. Gr. sunergos. See 1 Cor. 3. 9. 2 beloved. The texts read "sister".

Apphia. Tradition says she was the wife of Philemon.

Archippus. See Col. 4. 17. fellowsoldier. Only here and Phil. 2. 25, which

church. Ap. 186.

in. Gr. kata. Ap. 104. x. 2.

3 Grace. Gr. charis. Ap. 184, I. 1.

from. Ap. 104. iv. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

Father. Ap. 98. III. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

4 thank. Gr. eucharisteo. See Acts 27, 35. mention. Gr. mneia. See Rom. 1. 9. Eph. 1. 16. 1 Thess. 1. 2.

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

in. Gr. epi. Ap. 104. ix. 1.

prayers. Gr. proseuchē. Ap. 134, II. 2. 5 love = the love. Ar. 135, II. 1. faith = the faith. Ap. 150, II. 1.

toward. Gr. pros. Ap. 104, xv. 3.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i.  $\beta$ . 2. A. Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

toward. Gr. eis. Ap. 104. vi.

saints = the saints. See Acts 9. 13.

6 That. Supply the ellipsis by "(Praying) that". communication = fellowship. Gr. kointnia. See Acts 2, 42.

effectual. Gr. energes. See 1 Cor. 16. 9. Elsewhere, Heb. 4. 12. See Ap. 172. 4.

by. Ap. 104. viii.

acknowledging. Ap. 132. II. ii.

in. Ap. 104. viii. you. The texts read "us". in. Gr. eis. Ap. 104. vi.

Christ. Ap. 98. IX. Jesus. The texts omit.

7 we have. The texts read "I had". consolation. See Acts 4. 36.

in. Ap. 104. ix. 2.

bowels. See 2 Cor. 6. 12.

are = have been.

refreshed. See 1 Cor. 16. 18.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

8 though . . . bold. Lit. having much boldness enjoin = command. Gr. epitassö. convenient. convenient.

for . . . sake. Ap. 104. v. 2. beseech. Ap. 134. I. 6. Gr. anēkō. See Eph. 5. 4. 9 Yet. Omit. Elsewhere, Luke 1. 18.

have begotten = begat.

Cp. Phil. 1. 12, 13.

11 unaged. Gr. presbutës. See Tit. 2. 2. Elsewhere, Luke 1. 18. 104. xiii. 1. son. Ap. 108. i. have begotten = begat. 10 for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. profitable = not useful. Gr. achrēstos. Only here. Fig. Meiosis. Ap. 6. profitable. Gr. euchrēstos. See 2 Tim. 2. 21. 12 have. Omit. sent again = sent back. Ap. 174. 5. thou therefore receive. The texts omit, and read "sent again to thee". mine own bowels = as mine own self. Fig. Synecdochē. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. **13** would, &c. = was minded (Ap. 102. 3) to retain. that = in orderin . . . stead. Ap. 104. xvii. 1. might have, &c. = may minister. Ap. 190. III. 1. 14 without = apart from. Gr. choris. mind. Ap. 177. 2. would. Lit. was willing to. Ap 102. 1. nothing. Gr. ouden. thy benef Ap. 105. II. it were. Omit. of. Ap. 104. x. 2. willingl Gr. hekousios. Only here. The adverb in Heb. 10. 26. 1 Pet. 5. 2. thy benefit. Lit. the good thing of thee. willingly = according to (Ap. 104. x. 2) free-will. Pet. 5. 2. **15** perhaps. Gr. tacha. Only here therefore = because of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this. departed = was separated. Gr. chōrizō. First occ. Matt. 19. 6. for. Ap. 104. xv. 3. season. Lit. hour. Gr. hōra. receive. Gr. apechō. for ever. Ap. 151. II. B. iii.

16 °Not now as a °servant, but °above a ° servant, a 1 brother 2 beloved, specially to me, but how much more 1 unto thee, both 6-in the flesh, and 6- in the 3 Lord?

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

18 17 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee

ought, ° put that on mine account; 19  $\Im$  Paul ° have written it with mine own hand,  $\Im$  will ° repay it;

° albeit I do 14 not say to thee °how thou °owest <sup>1</sup> unto me even thine own self besides.

B D a | 20 Yea, 1 brother, ° let me have joy of thee 6-in the 3 Lord:

b 7 refresh my 7 bowels 6-in ° the Lord.

c, 21 ° Having confidence in thy obedience I 19 wrote 1 unto thee, 6 knowing that thou wilt ° also do ° more than I say.

22 But ° withal prepare ° me also a ° lodging:

for I °trust that °through your 4 prayers I shall be ° given ¹ unto you.

23 There °salute thee ° Epaphras, my °fellowprisoner 6- in ° Christ Jesus; 24 ° Marcus, ° Aristarchus, ° Demas, ° Lucas,

my <sup>1</sup> fellowlabourers.

25 °The <sup>3</sup>grace of our <sup>5</sup> Lord <sup>3</sup>Jesus Christ be ° with your ° spirit. Amen.

Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII.

1 Pet. 5, 13,

2 Tim. 4. 10. foot-note.

Ap. 101. II. 9.

16 Not now = No longer. Gr. ouketi. servant. Ap. 190. I. 2.

above. Ap. 104. xvii. 2.

17 If. Ap. 118, 2, a. count. Lit. have. Gr. echō.

partner = partaker. Gr. koinonos. See 1 Cor. 10. 18. receive him in addition, as myself." Cp. Rom. 15. 7. 18 hath. Omit.

put . . . on . . . account. Gr. ellogeo. Only here and Kom. 5. 13 (imputed).

19 have written = wrote.

repay. Gr. apotino. Only here.

albeit = that. Gr. hina. how = that.

owest... besides. Gr. prosopheilo. Only here.

20 let me have joy = may I profit. Gr. oninėmi, the root-word from which comes onesimos. "Let me have

profit from thee, seeing I am sending back Onesimus (profitable) to thee."

the Lord. The texts read "Christ". Ap. 98. IX. 21 Having confidence. Ap. 150, I. 2.

knowing. Ap. 132. I. i.

also do more do more also.

more than = above (Ap. 104. xvii. 2) that which.

22 withal. Gr. hama. See Col. 4. 3. 1 Tim. 5. 13. me also = also for me. lodging. Gr. xenia. Only here and Acts 28. 23.

trust = hope. Gr. elpizō.

through. Ap. 104. v. 1.

given = granted as a favour. Gr. charizomai. Ap. 184. II. 1.

23 salute = greet. Gr. aspazomai. Cp. Col. 4, 12. Epaphras. See Col. 1, 7,

fellowprisoner. Gr. sunaichmalitos. See Rom. 16. 7. **24** Marcus. See Acts 12. 12, 25; 15. 37, 39. Col. 4. 10. 2 Tim. 4. 11. lee Acts 19. 29; 20. 4; 27. 2. Col. 4. 10. Demas. See Col. 4. 14. Aristarchus. See Acts 19. 29; 20. 4; 27. 2. Col. 4, 10. Lucas. See Col. 4. 14. 2 Tim. 4. 11; also Int. Notes to Luke's Gospel, especially the 25 The grace, &c. Paul's constant benediction. with, Ap. 104. xi. 1.

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