

# Philemon

*Just Another Letter?*

·Written by Paul around A.D. 60-62.

·1 of the 4 "prison epistles" written in Rome.

·Delivered by Onesimus (and Colossians with Tychicus - Col. 4:7-9).

·Onesimus was "one of you" as stated in Colossians 4:9.

·Paul had a message for Archippus in Colossians.

·In Philemon 2 we find Archippus again (believed to be Philemon's son) and find out that the church met in Philemon's house.

·So, that means that Onesimus was taking this letter to Philemon along with the letter to the saints in Colossae, who met in Philemon's house.

·Onesimus, was a slave who had run away from Philemon.

·Paul (who converted Onesimus) is writing Philemon, asking him to take him back as a brother and not a bondservant

## Authority & Wealth (2, 16)

- We're all servants - Col. 4:1; 1:9-11, 15-20
- We've all been in need – (19); Col. 1:22-23

## Involved (5, 22)

- It's about His kingdom - Col. 3:1-4

## Approachable (17)

- Are we? - Col. 3:12-14

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Philemon 1:15-16 For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother--especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

- Would that suffice? Col. 3:22-25

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*Onesimus*

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A curmudgeon?

- Confidence in Philemon (21-22)
- Value in Onesimus (12-13)
- Gentleness (8-10, 14)
- Love and Sacrifice (18-20)

Wonder where he learned all that?



Paul

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What do you *SEE*?