

# Philemon

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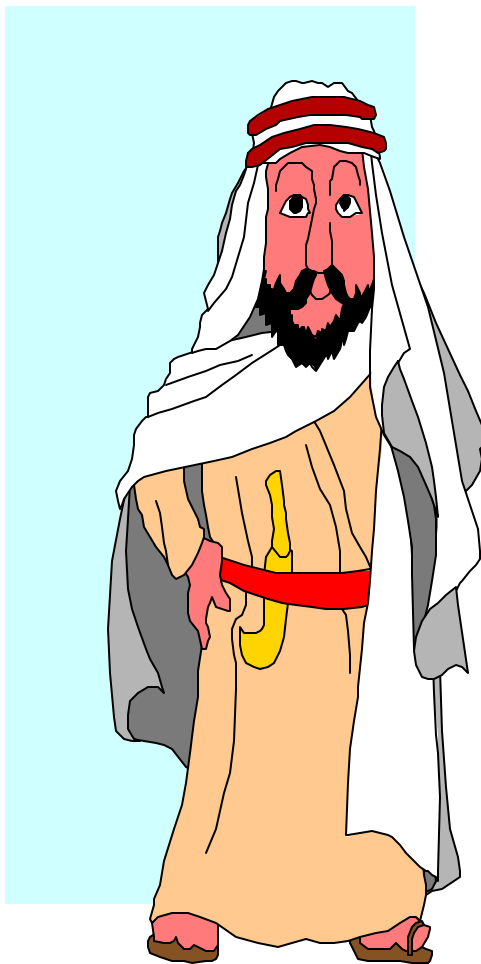
## *I WRITE TO ASK A FAVOR OF YOU MY Friend & Fellow Brother In CHRIST*

I always thank God for you when I pray for you, Philemon, because I keep hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and of your love for all of God's people. You are a generous person and I am praying that you will put your generosity to work and come to an

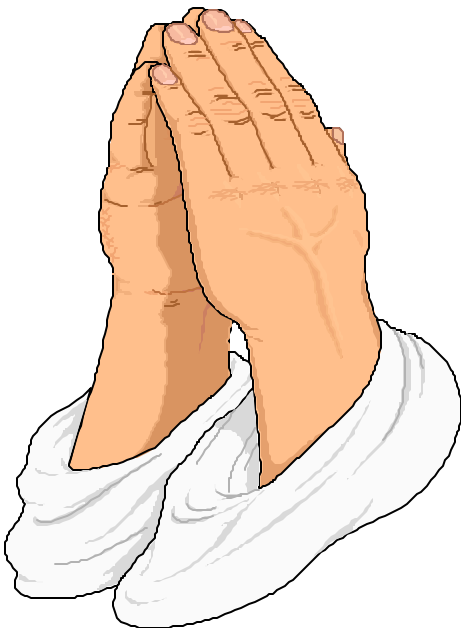
of every good thing that we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of God's People by your kindness.

I keep hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and of your love for all of God's people.

I boldly ask a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing to do. But because of my love for you, I just ask as a request. Take this as a request from your friend Paul, an old man, now in prison for the sake of Christ Jesus.



*Onesimus the runaway slave of Philemon's that was a helper of Paul. He is profitable to me.*



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The character of Philemon.  
Asking a favor.  
The favor.  
Our brother in Christ.

## ***THE FAVOR- - RELEASE THIS MAN***

Onesimus is as my own son because he became a believer as a result of my ministry here in prison. He has been useless to you but he has become very useful to me and to you also. I am sending him back to you. I wanted to keep him here but I would not without your consent so that your decision will be spontaneous and not forced. It may be that he was separated from you that you could have him

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back forever, not as a slave but as a brother. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me, Paul and I will pay it back. I write to you knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

It is proper that for every one of God's children that we should be this concerned and full of love as Paul was for the slave Onesimus.

