

The Book of Philemon

I. THE APPRECIATION FOR THE PRAISE OF PHILEMON (PHILEMON 1:1-7).

- A. Philemon was a friend.
 - 1. To Paul in Rome (1:1-4).
 - 2. To Christians in Colosse (1:5, 7).
- B. Philemon was a family man (1:2).

II. THE APPEAL AND PLEA FOR ONESIMUS (1:8-20).

- A. The background of this appeal. Onesimus, Philemon's runaway slave, had been led to Christ in Rome by Paul and was now being sent back to Philemon with a request that he be received as a Christian brother.
- B. The basis of this appeal.
 - 1. Forgive him for your sake (1:11, 15).
 - 2. Forgive him for his sake (1:16).
 - 3. Forgive him for my sake (1:9, 17-18).

III. THE ASSURANCE AND PLEDGE OF PAUL (1:21-25).

- A. His confidence in Philemon (1:21).
- B. His request to Philemon (1:22).