

## **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 (1:8-17).

"I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds" (1:10).

- 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 (1:19-25).

"I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self beside" (1:19).

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