

Philemon



“Paul’s plea for a Brother.”

Lessons from Paul's letter to Philemon.



- #1 How we extend ourselves on others' behalf should represent Christ in us.**
- #2 How we respond to New Believers should represent Christ in us.**
- #3 How you respond to situations should represent Christ in us.**

Vr. 1-3 Greetings.



- **Paul's position, Prisoner!**
- **Philemon's position, Brother and fellow worker.**
- **Other notables.**

Vr. 3 2 powerful truths embedded into this statement.

#1 Grace Always precedes Peace.

#2 You will have neither apart from the Father & Son.

Vr. 4-7 Philemon's testimony of Love and Faith.



- **Paul honors Philemon by simply praying for him.
Why? *“I hear of your Love and your faith.”***
- **That tells us WHY Paul was praying for Him
but WHAT was Paul praying for him?**

Vr. 6 that the “fellowship of your faith” becomes effective. “Through the knowledge of truth”

Vr. 7 Because of Philemon's faith and love, the hearts of the saints were refreshed.



Vr.8-9 An Appeal Vs. a Command.

#1 I could order you to do what is proper!

#2 YET FOR LOVES SAKE!

The real question is not “Am I justified in my response?”

The Real Question is “Is Jesus Glorified in my response?”

Paul said I could command you and make you but I would much rather appeal to your heart and let others see the grace, the love the mercy of Christ flow out of your heart and into the life of another.