

Scripture Work Sheet

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, 2 to the
beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the
church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God, making mention of you always in my
prayers, 5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward
the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, 6 that the sharing of
your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of
every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. 7 For we have
great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

8 Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to
command you what is fitting, 9 yet for love's sake I rather
appeal to you -- being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now
also a prisoner of Jesus Christ -- 10 I appeal to you for my son
Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, 11 who
once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and
to me.

12 I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that
is, my own heart, 13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on

your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.¹⁴ But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

¹⁵ For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever,¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave -- a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me.¹⁸ But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay -- not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides.²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

²¹ Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.²² But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴ as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen.