

BOOK OF PHILEMON

8/31/19

- * Purpose of sermon -- Discuss the Book of Philemon
 - * The book of Philemon is a letter about grace and forgiveness
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*Before we read the letter, let's notice 3 important sections of scripture about the apostle Paul

1.2 Timothy 4:14-15

Paul understood the reality of watching how people treat you

2 Tim. 4:14 Paul recognized the evil works of Alexander the coppersmith -- he said, "the Lord reward him according to his works"

15 Paul warned Timothy

2.Acts 15:36-40

Paul had experience with having difficulty to re-establish trust with a co-worker -- (Notice the story of John Mark)

Acts 12:12 Mary -- the mother of John Mark

25 Barnabas and Saul took John Mark with them

Acts 13:4-5 when Barnabas and Paul traveled together, John Mark went with them

13 later, John Mark left them

Acts 15:36 later, Paul and Barnabas discussed traveling together again

37 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them

38 Paul did not like that idea -- because John Mark had previously left them

39-40 contention -- separate travels

Col. 4:10 Paul mentioned Marcus

Philemon 24 Paul mentioned Marcus

2 Tim. 4:11 Paul mentioned Mark

3.Romans 12:17-21

Paul wrote about the concept of dealing with evil and of being a peacemaker

Rom. 12:17 not repay evil for evil

18 seek peace -- whenever possible

19-20 avoid revenge

21 overcome evil with good

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* Notice the main people in the letter

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| Paul | verse 1 | author of letter |
| Philemon | verse 1 | wealthy slave-owner |
| Apphia | verse 2 | a beloved lady -- wife of Philemon? |
| Archippus | verse 2 | son of Philemon -- (and Apphia?) |
| Onesimus | verse 10 | runaway slave -- who was desiring to return to his master |

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* 4 parts of the letter

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| Philemon 1-7 | appreciation for Philemon and family |
| 8-16 | Paul's petition for Onesimus |
| 17-21 | Paul's promise to Philemon |
| 22-25 | conclusion |

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| Philemon 1 | Paul was a prisoner (in Rome) -- 1 of 4 prison epistles (also -- Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians) -- friend of Philemon |
| 2 | Apphia and Archippus -- church in their home |
| Col. 4:17 | Archippus -- servant in the Lord |
| Philemon 3 | greeting to the family |
| 5-7 | their kindness to believers |
| 8-9 | Paul began his appeal to his friend |
| 10 | Onesimus -- became a believer during his time with Paul |
| 11 | Onesimus -- was previously unprofitable to Philemon (probably a thief and definitely a runaway slave) -- became profitable to Paul |
| 12 | Onesimus -- obligation to return to Philemon |
| 13-14 | Paul wanted Onesimus to remain with him -- but he did not want to violate his relationship with Philemon |
| 15-16 | although Onesimus departed for a while, he returned as a "brother" |
| 17 | "if you count me as a partner, receive him as myself" |
| 18 | "if he has wronged you, put it on my account" |
| 19 | "I will repay it" |
| 20-21 | "cheer me up by doing this for me" |
| 22 | prepare lodging for me |
| 23-24 | Epaphras, Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas and Lucas sent their greetings |
| Col. 4:10 | Aristarchus and Marcus |
| 12 | Epaphras |

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Philemon 25

Luke and Demas
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you