

Philemon

I. The Prisoner's Greeting (1)

II. The Praise for Philemon (2-7)

- a. a family man (2-3)
- b. a faithful man (4-5)
- c. a fruitful man (6-7)

III. The Plea for Onesimus (8-17)

- a. Paul's appeal (8-11)
- b. Paul's motives (12-16)
- c. Paul's request (17)

IV. The Pledge from Paul (18-22)

- a. Paul's offer vv. (18-19) – the guarantee
- b. Paul's confidence (21-22)
 - 1. the gentle reminder (21)
 - 2. the guest room (22)

V. The Personal Affairs of Paul (23-25) – the greetings

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	Paul's Commendation	Paul's Request	Paul's Promise
Greeting (Verses 1-3)			
	VERSES 4-7	VERSES 8-17	VERSES 18-21
Tone	Praise	Plea	Promise
Direction	Looking back	Looking within	Looking beyond
Central Statement	<i>"I thank my God always . . ."</i> (v. 4)	<i>"I appeal to you . . ."</i> (v. 10)	<i>"I will repay it . . ."</i> (v. 19)
Main Theme	Forgiving and accepting one another as brothers and sisters in Christ		
Key Verses	Verses 10-11, 15-18		

Conclusion (Verses 21-25)