

Lesson One: Philemon 1-7

1. What did Paul call himself? What did he call Timothy? 1
2. To whom did Paul and Timothy send greetings? 1,2
3. From whom do grace and peace come? 3
4. What did Paul do when praying? 4
5. What had Paul heard? 5
6. Paul was concerned with the communication of what?
7. By what was the communication of Philemon's faith to become effectual? 6
8. In what did "we" have great joy and consolation? 7
9. Why did Paul have great joy and consolation in Philemon's love? 7

10. Thought Questions

- A. Who wrote the book of Philemon? To whom was it written? When? Where?
- B. See what you can find out about Philemon.
- C. How could Paul hear about Philemon's faith and love?
- D. Find a passage that says that Jesus "saw" someone's faith.
- E. How did Jesus know that Philemon loved him?
- F. Define: Communication (as it is used in v. 6)
- G. What did Paul mean by "...communication of..." Philemon's faith?
- H. Define: Bowel's (as used in v. 7)
- I. What did Paul mean by the bowels of the saints being refreshed?
- J. Why could Paul find joy and consolation in Philemon's love?
- K. What lessons may we learn from verses 1-7?

Lesson Two: Philemon 8-14

1. What might Paul have been toward Philemon? 8
2. Rather than “enjoining” Philemon Paul did what? 8,9
3. Why did Paul “beseech” rather than “enjoin” Philemon? 9
4. For whom did Paul beseech Philemon? 10
5. In what had Paul “begotten” Onesimus in times past? 11
6. In regard to Philemon, what was Onesimus in times past? 11
7. To whom was Onesimus profitable “now”? 11
8. What had Paul done with Onesimus? 12
9. How was Philemon to receive Onesimus? 12
10. Why did Paul desire to retain Onesimus? 13
11. Why did Paul not retain Onesimus? 14
12. **Thought Questions**
 - A. What is the difference between “enjoin” and “beseech”?
 - B. Define: Convenient (as used in v. 8)
 - C. How did Paul beget Onesimus?
 - D. What did Paul use in “begetting” Onesimus ? I Cor. 4:15
 - E. What part of the new birth was this? The birth of water or of the Spirit? John 3:3-5
 - F. How did Paul want Philemon to receive Onesimus?
 - G. What reasons did Paul use to help Philemon see the need to receive Onesimus?
 - H. From 8-14, what shows Paul's fairness in dealing with Philemon?
 - I. What lessons may we learn from vvs. 8-14?

Lesson Three: Philemon 15-25

1. What is possible reason for Onesimus' departure? 15
2. How should Philemon receive Onesimus? 16
3. How did Paul want Philemon to receive Onesimus? 17
4. Who would repay any damage owed by Onesimus? 18, 19
5. What did Paul feel Philemon owed him? 19
6. How would it affect Paul if Philemon granted his request? 20
7. What confidence did Paul have in Philemon? 21
8. What did Paul want Philemon to do? 22
9. Who saluted Philemon? 23,24
10. How did Paul close the book? 25
11. **Thought Questions**
 - A. What did Solomon say about an offended brother? Proverbs 18:19
 - B. How did Onesimus offend Philemon?
 - C. What change had taken place in Onesimus since he left Philemon?
 - D. What did Onesimus owe Philemon? Why?
 - E. What did Philemon owe Onesimus? Why?
 - F. How did Paul reason with Philemon to get him to see his duty?
 - G. What problem cannot be settled if all parties have the right attitude?
 - H. List some things which keep problems from being solved.
 - I. List some things which help solve problems.
 - J. List some lessons to be learned from the book of Philemon.