

# Forgiveness

Philemon 1:1-25

**Philemon 1:1-25** “<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,<sup>2</sup> And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house.<sup>3</sup> Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,<sup>5</sup> Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;<sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.<sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.<sup>8</sup> Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,<sup>9</sup> Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.<sup>10</sup> I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: <sup>11</sup> Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:<sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:<sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

<sup>14</sup> But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.<sup>15</sup> For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;<sup>16</sup> Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord? <sup>17</sup> If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.<sup>18</sup> If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;<sup>19</sup> I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.<sup>20</sup> Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.<sup>22</sup> But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.<sup>23</sup> There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;<sup>24</sup> Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.<sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.”

## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Character of One Who Forgives (v. 4-7)

- A. It is \_\_\_\_\_ if we do not (Eph. 4:32)
- B. There are five \_\_\_\_\_ results:
  - 1. It will \_\_\_\_\_ you in your past (keeps the pain alive)
  - 2. It produces \_\_\_\_\_ (infection) (He. 12:15)
  - 3. It gives Satan an \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:22-32)
  - 4. It hinders \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Matt. 6:14-15)
  - 5. It robs you of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- C. Six Characteristics of One Who Forgives
  - 1. A Concern for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-5a)
  - 2. A Concern for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5b)
  - 3. A Concern for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6a)
  - 4. A Concern for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6b)
  - 5. A Concern for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6c)
  - 6. A Concern to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of One Who Forgives (v. 8-18)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10-14)
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15-17)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)

## III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of One Who Forgives (v. 19-25)

- 1. Recognition of an unpayable \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)
- 2. Possibility of being a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20)
- 3. Necessity of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21)
- 4. Acknowledgement of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)
- 5. Importance of maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23, 24)
- 6. Requirement of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)

