

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

Philemon

Memory Verse: 1:15

Review Questions (Overview and chapter)

1. Philemon was a Christian who lived in _____; his wife was _____
2. _____ was probably the minister for the congregation that met in Philemon's home.
3. Most likely, Onesimus became a Christian when he met Paul in _____
4. Paul thanked God when he remembered Philemon because he had heard of his _____ and _____.
5. Knowing how often the hearts (bowels/KJV) of the saints had been refreshed by Philemon, it gave Paul great _____ and _____.
6. Although Paul said he could have ordered (enjoined, commanded) Philemon to do what Paul was asking, because of his love for Philemon, he preferred _____
7. Paul described himself as "Paul _____" and a "_____ of Christ."
8. Paul was making an appeal for _____, who Paul said was his _____ he had begotten in his imprisonment (bonds).
9. In sending Onesimus back, Paul said it was as if he was sending his own _____.
10. Hoping to be released soon and come to Colossae, Paul asked Philemon to prepare what for him? _____

Thought Questions: (Give some thought and study to the following questions and be prepared to share your ideas in class)

1. Why do you think Paul did not speak directly and forcefully against the institution of slavery?
2. In verse 9, Paul describes himself as "the aged" or "old man." And yet, after he was released from prison, he went on to work in Spain and other places. What is the retirement age for Christians?
3. The name, Onesimus, means "helpful, useful." Paul said Onesimus had previously been useless, but was now useful to both he and Philemon. What changed?
4. In verse 15, Paul speaks about the reason why Onesimus was perhaps parted from Philemon. How does hindsight enable us to see God's hand in our lives?
5. Compare verse 24 with 2 Timothy 4:10. What do you observe?

Help: (If you have any questions from this reading, please write them here and be prepared to ask them in class)
