

PHILEMON

Paul wrote the book of Philemon while he was on _____, awaiting trial in Rome. While on house arrest, Paul was allowed to have visitators. He continued to use this opportunity to serve the Lord by _____ and _____ people. One day a man named Onesimus shows up to see Paul. Onesimus was a runaway _____, and his master was this man named Philemon. Philemon came to faith in Christ under the ministry of the Apostle Paul (v19) quite possibly while Paul ministered in Ephesus. Later, when one of Paul's fellow laborers Epaphras, started a church in Colossae, Philemon became a leader of that church which met in _____ (v2). Philemon, was a well off Christian who owned slaves, one being Onesimus. Evidently some conflict had arisen between Philemon and Onesimus causing Onesimus to _____. For what ever reason, he came to the apostle Paul for help. Maybe because he had herd Paul spoken of while he was serving Philemon. While there, Onesimus _____ (v10). So Paul writes this letter, seeking restoration between these now _____ in Christ.

(v1-3) Paul opens with a greeting.

(v4-7) Paul let's Philemon know that he is _____ for him consistently. He also lets him know that he has herd reports of the Christian virtues that he was excelling in. Things like _____, _____ and _____ with other believers in gospel ministry.

(v8-19) Paul makes an _____ for Onesimus

(v20-25) Paul expresses his _____ that Philemon will do the right thing.