

WHEN GRACE TRANSFORMED A RELATIONSHIP
And It Can Transform Yours Too!
(Philemon 8-19)

A. The PERSONAL GREETINGS...from Paul (and Timothy) to Philemon, his family, and the church that met in his house. (1-3)

B. The PRAISE of PHILEMON ... for what God was doing in and through him. (4-7)

C. The PLEA of PAUL ... for Philemon to receive back Onesimus. (8-19)

1. The *basis* of the appeal was not _____ which could have been exercised but it as _____. (vs.8-9a)

- What basis could Paul have made this appeal? Is there a place for this?
- Instead what does his basis underscore?

2. The *nature* of the appeal was _____ and _____. (vs.9b)

- How does God appeal to you?
- What was Paul trying to communicate through his 2 descriptions of himself?

3. The *object* of the appeal was for _____ who Paul viewed as “_____”. (vs.10-11)

- What does this perspective factor in?
- What 5 observations about “Onesimus” should we note?

4. The *reason* for the appeal was that Paul was _____ to Philemon. (vs. 12a)

- What do we learn from Paul’s actions?
- What does this also indicate about Onesimus?

5. The *objective* of the appeal was for Philemon to _____ Onesimus back. (12b)

- “receive”(proslambano – aorist, middle, imperative) -
- What did Paul liken Onesimus to? Why?

6. The *ambivalence* of the appeal was that Paul emotionally _____ Onesimus with him in Rome. (vs.13)

- What does this indicate? Why did Paul feel this way?

7. The *approach* of the appeal desired that no actions by Philemon be done by _____ but _____. (vs.14)

- What did this respect and not assume? Where else is this important?

8. The *providential purpose and perspective* associated with the appeal was that perhaps Onesimus departed _____ that Philemon would _____ him _____. (vs. 15)

- What factors into this perspective? Does Paul question the reality and assurance of Onesimus' new birth?

9. The *logic* of the appeal was that Onesimus was no longer just a slave but a _____ to Paul and especially to Philemon both in _____ and _____. (vs.16)

- What factors into this perspective? How might the last 2 prepositional phrases be true?

10. The *content* of the appeal was to _____. (vs.17)

- “receive” (proslambano – aorist, middle, imperative) –
- What is added here unlike verse 12? What would that mean practically?

11. The *restitution* connected with the appeal was “_____ he has _____ or _____ anything, _____. (vs.18)

- Is it safe to assume that Onesimus stole from Philemon? Should forgiveness assume that restitution is not needed?

12. The *personal guarantee* connected with the appeal involves, “I _____ . I _____ . (vs.19)

- What little reminder does Paul then make?
- What should these truths and appeals remind us of ?
- How does all of this apply to you personally?
- How does this apply to you in your relationships with others?