

## THE EPISTLE OF PĀUL TO PHĪ-LĒ'MON

PĀUL, a prisoner of Jē'sūs Chrīst, and Tīm'ō-thŷ *our* brother,  
unto Phī-lē'mon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,  
2 And to *our* beloved Āpph'ī-ā, and Ār-chīp'pūs our fellowsoldier,  
and to the church in thy house:  
3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord  
Jē'sūs Chrīst.  
4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,  
5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord  
Jē'sūs, and toward all saints;  
6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by  
the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Chrīst  
Jē'sūs.  
7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the  
bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.  
8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Chrīst to enjoin  
thee that which is convenient,  
9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech *thee*, being such an one as  
Pāul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jē'sūs Chrīst.  
10 I beseech thee for my son Ō-nēs'ī-mūs, whom I have begotten  
in my bonds:  
11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now  
profitable to thee and to me:  
12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is,  
mine own bowels:  
13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he

might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:  
14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit  
should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.  
15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou  
shouldest receive him for ever;  
16 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?  
17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.  
18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth *thee* ought, put that on mine  
account;  
19 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.  
20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my  
bowels in the Lord.  
21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee,  
knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.  
22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through  
your prayers I shall be given unto you.  
23 There salute thee Ēp'ā-phrās, my fellowprisoner in Chrīst  
Jē'sūs;  
24 Mār'cūs, Ār'īs-tār'chūs, Dē'mās, Lû'cās, my fellowlabourers.  
25 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst be with your spirit. Ā'měn.  
¶ Written from Rōme to Phī-lē'mon, by Ō-nēs'ī-mūs a servant.