

Philemon
Chapter 1
Student

Contents: Greeting to Philemon. Intercession for Onesimus.

Characters: **GOD, CHRIST**, Timothy, Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, Paul, Epaphras, Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas.

Conclusion: Wise and good ministers of **JESUS CHRIST** will have great and tender care of young converts to encourage them, and help in their transition the fellowship with other saints. There is a spiritual brotherhood between all true believers, irrespective to their station of life. We should therefore seek to strengthen and help new converts into the family.

Key Word: Reception (of new believers), 17.

Striking Facts: 17, 18. These verses furnish a perfect illustration of the doctrine of “imputationⁱ” whereby guilty sinners believing on **CHRIST** are received by the **FATHER** as identified with the **SON**, and the sins of the believing one are reckoned to the account of **CHRIST** who paid the price on Calvary.

1. Why did Paul believe that Philemon would do as he asked?

2. What verse showed the kind of faith that Paul had?

3. How was Onesimus’s debt to be paid?

4. How as Onesimus to be received?

5. What unique action did Paul make in this letter?

Discussion Question: Should a freed slave return to his owner?

ⁱ **Imputation** *In theology* - the action or process of ascribing righteousness, guilt, etc. to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another

Ascrib - regard a quality as belonging to (a cause)
