

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer;<sup>2</sup>And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:<sup>3</sup>Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup>I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,<sup>5</sup>Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;<sup>6</sup>That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.<sup>7</sup>For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.<sup>8</sup>Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,<sup>9</sup>Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.<sup>10</sup>I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:<sup>11</sup>Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:<sup>12</sup>Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:<sup>13</sup>Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:<sup>14</sup>But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.<sup>15</sup>For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;<sup>16</sup>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?<sup>17</sup>If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.<sup>18</sup>If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;<sup>19</sup>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.<sup>20</sup>Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.<sup>21</sup>Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.<sup>22</sup>But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.<sup>23</sup>There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;<sup>24</sup>Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.<sup>25</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.