

Paul's Appeal to Philemon
(Philemon 8-11)

1. The word "therefore" introduces us to the logical _____ that Paul wants Philemon to realize concerning the reason for this letter to him. (v8)
 - What is therefore, there for?
 - Paul noted that Philemon was _____ and _____ to Jesus Christ and to the saints. (v5)
 - Also, Paul revealed to Philemon that his faithfulness in future situations will be _____ to the brethren as they see his faith in action. (v6)
 - Finally, the saints have been _____ through Philemon's ministry to them. (v7)

2. Because of these things, Paul _____ to him to do the right thing concerning Onesimus. (v9-11)
 - Onesimus was a _____ who ran away from Philemon and the purpose of this letter was an _____ from Paul to Philemon to take Onesimus back. (v10-11, 15-16)
 - The danger was that if Onesimus was not accepted back, he could face _____ for running away.
 - What does the Bible say about slavery?
 - ❖ Slavery has been around almost as long as man and was _____ in the ancient world.
 - ❖ The Bible never _____ slavery, but it did _____ it thus protecting some rights of the slaves where other peoples did not. (Ex. 21:1-10, 20, 26-27; Eph. 6:5-9; 1 Cor. 7:21)
 - ❖ _____ had servants. (Gen. 12:16)
 - ❖ God allowed _____ to be sold into slavery so that he could be in a position to rescue his family from sure death due to famine. (Gen. 37:12-36; 50:20)
 - ❖ Slaves could be acquired in the following through the spoil of _____, _____, _____, restitution of a _____, default on _____, _____ subjection, and _____. (Deu. 20:14; Gen. 17:12-13; Ex. 22:3; 2 Kings 4:1; Lev. 25:39-43; Ex.21:16)
 - ❖ Hebrew slaves of Hebrews in the Old Testament had opportunities for _____ according to the _____ after 7 years, Jubilee year, redemption, marriage, or injury. (Deu. 15:12; Lev. 25:39-43, 47-55; Ex 21:26-27)

- ❖ In the New Testament, the rules concerning slaves were mostly governed according to Roman law and slaves were viewed as _____ of the owners who could do as they pleased with them.
- ❖ During this time, they may have worked alongside the _____ in his business or at his home.
- ❖ Slaves were acquired through many of the same means except that there were less _____ in which to acquire them.
- ❖ At this time, cruelty of slaves was _____, and some had legal controls of this against slaves.
- ❖ They tended to be treated with respect and even enjoyed _____ in business, even attending church and marketplace. (2 Cor 7:21; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11)
- ❖ Slavery is still going on _____ in forms such as, human trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, child slavery, forced marriage, and descent slavery.
- ❖ The knowledge of slavery and the idea of redemption was a powerful _____ to the world regarding the redemption of believers through the price paid on the _____. (Rom. 3:24; 8:23; Gal 3:13; 4:5; Eph. 1:7, 14; Col. 1:14)
- Onesimus could be treated harshly by Philemon for Rome allowed the master to deal with their _____ any way they saw fit.
- Paul chose to _____ to Philemon rather than asserting his authority over him for _____ sake. (v9)
 - ❖ This was an opportunity for Philemon to do the right thing motivated by _____ not _____. (John 15:12-15; Gal. 4:1-7; 2 Cor. 5:12-15)
 - ❖ What is your motivation?
- The name Onesimus means _____ which is ironic because a runaway slave is not _____.
- However, there was a huge change in Onesimus, he became _____! (v10-11)
 - ❖ Somehow, Onesimus found Paul in the big city of Rome and had _____ in Christ because Paul delivered the gospel to him. (v10)
 - ❖ There was a change in _____, _____, _____, _____.
 - Are these changes taking place in your life? (1 Jn. 5:12-13; 2 Jn. 4-6; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:14)
 - ❖ Having been set free from the bondage of the sin nature, you are now _____ to serve in love your Savior Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6:15; 7:6; Col. 3:24)