

**Forgiveness**  
(Philemon 17-25)

1. If Philemon considers himself to be a \_\_\_\_\_ with Paul, he should \_\_\_\_\_ his runaway slave back just as he would Paul. (Phm. 17)
  - Was there any question in Paul's mind of Philemon's partnership with Paul?  
\_\_\_\_\_ – 1<sup>st</sup> class conditional statement meaning Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a partner.
  - In what way was Philemon a partner with Paul?  
Philemon was a partner with Paul in his ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What does it mean to receive Onesimus?  
To \_\_\_\_\_ him or to \_\_\_\_\_ him back.
  - To what extent is he to receive him?  
As he would receive \_\_\_\_\_, no axe to grind with him, no score to settle.
2. Paul tells Philemon that if Onesimus had done anything that requires \_\_\_\_\_, put that on my (Paul's) tab. (Phm. 18)
  - Why would Onesimus' departure require compensation?  
It is likely that he \_\_\_\_\_ some objects or even money in order to finance his departure.
  - Philemon had been wronged by Onesimus, when he was an \_\_\_\_\_, but now, he was a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
    - Does this make this matter no longer valid?  
\_\_\_\_\_, Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon to \_\_\_\_\_ the matter.
3. Philemon, I will \_\_\_\_\_ you, though you owe me your very life. (Phm. 19)
  - Why would Philemon owe Paul anything?  
Because he was the \_\_\_\_\_ of him hearing the gospel message.  
He will now spend \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.
  - What is Paul asking Philemon to do?
  - How can you forgive those who wrong you?
4. What do we need to know concerning forgiveness?
  - Forgiveness according to the Bible refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ from an obligation such as a debt (Matt. 18:27) or the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins. (Acts 10:43)

- The fact is \_\_\_\_\_ people need forgiveness! (Jam. 2:10; Rom. 3:10-11; Is. 53:6)
- The Bible speaks of forgiveness in the following ways...
  - God forgives man 2 ways...
    - ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ – Once for all forgiveness for our sins. (Rom. 4:1-8; Acts 10:43; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:11-12, 22; 10:11-12)
    - ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ – Forgiveness which restores the fellowship between the believer and God. (1 Jn. 1:9)
  - Believers are to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ graciously because of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 4:32)
    - ❖ We need to forgive others graciously so that we are not burdened with broken \_\_\_\_\_ with God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 11:25; Heb. 12:15; Prov. 17:9)
    - ❖ We may need to verbally \_\_\_\_\_ the offender, even \_\_\_\_\_ forgive them as people will never be perfect. (Luke 17:3-4)
    - ❖ The offender needs to \_\_\_\_\_ and may need to make \_\_\_\_\_ for their actions or words. (Luke 17:3-4; Phm. 18)
    - ❖ Forgiveness does not mean that the offender can be immediately \_\_\_\_\_, that they do not have to face the \_\_\_\_\_ of their sin, nor that the offense will need to be \_\_\_\_\_ with them further.
- Having seen this, what does this mean for the relationship between Philemon and Onesimus?

Onesimus had \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_.

Furthermore, \_\_\_\_\_ would indeed need to be built between them.

5. Paul was expecting that Philemon would \_\_\_\_\_ his command to receive Onesimus and this would bring him \_\_\_\_\_. (Phm. 20-21)
  - How you handle a situation will \_\_\_\_\_ others around you.
6. Get ready Philemon, I would like to see the \_\_\_\_\_ in person soon. (Phm. 22)
7. In conclusion, the brothers working with me for the same gospel as you are, \_\_\_\_\_ you. (Phm. 23-25)
8. What does this mean to you?
  - We need to remember that we aren't perfect, but God offers \_\_\_\_\_, are you forgiven?
  - God offers \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness to us.
  - We can forgive \_\_\_\_\_ on the basis of God's forgiveness to us.
  - God desires \_\_\_\_\_ within the church and part of keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ if forgiving one another.