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NOTES ON THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON.

1. All that we know of Philemon is to be gathered from the Epistle bearing his name. He seems to have been a believer at Colosse, from the references to certain in the church there (see Notes below), and must have been possessed of means (v. 22). Paul's words indicate that he held his friend in high esteem.

2. Onesimus is the Latinized form of the Greek Onesimos, which means "useful", or "profitable". He was a slave (v. 16), and, fleeing from his master, found his way to Rome, where he was, under Paul, led to become the Lord's freeman, and "called being a servant (slave)", he cared not for it, but was willing to return to his master's service, whether to continue as slave or as "brother beloved" (v. 16). Paul sends the letter by Onesimus.

3. From Col. 4. 9. we learn that Paul had sent unto the church at Colosse Tychicus "with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you". For other references, see Notes.

4. The Epistle was written during Paul's first imprisonment at Rome, probably in A.D. 62. In no one of his Epistles is more clearly shown the great heart of the apostle in his care for every member of the church. See 2 Cor. 11. 28, 29.
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PHILEMON.

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and
Timothy, my brother, unto Philemon our
dearly beloved, and Epaphras, and Archippus our
faithful labourers, and to the church in thy house:

3 Grace to thee, and peace, from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Jesus, and toward all saints;
6 That thy communication of faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in thee in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love,

b because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Our grace shall abound more and more in knowledge and faith; and we pray thee, thou alsowerto the Lord know how to profitable to thee and to all others;

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now a prisoner of Jesus Christ,

10 I beseech thee, therefore, that thou wouldst have retained with me, that in thy stedhead, O Titus, my son Onesimus, 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 to thee, that he might minister unto mine own bonds, and to thee through thee to the grace of God;

13 Whom 3 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; 13 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 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, and in thy benefit, which is to our soulful labourer. Cp. 135. III. fellowlabourer. Cp. 136. See Cor. 3. 2. 9 beloved. The texts read "sister".

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17 therefore receive him for my sake, and make him comfortable as to good use which thou hast to me toward every good thing which is in thee; 18 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, and in thy benefit, which is to our soulful labourer. Cp. 135. III. fellowlabourer. Cp. 136. See Cor. 3. 2. 9 beloved. The texts read "sister".

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PHILEMON.

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, put that on mine account; for I also do more than I say,

19 written, put . . . account. Gr. ellogeó. Only here and Rom. 5, 13 (imputed).

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord:

21 Having confidence in thy obedience, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withall prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus;

24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow-labourers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

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(Introversion and Alternation.)

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