



*THE BOOK OF PHILEMON:*  
AN AFFECTIONATE APPEAL  
FOR RECONCILIATION

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PHILEMON 8-25

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## **AN AFFECTIONATE APPEAL FOR RECONCILIATION**

### **I. A TRANSFORMED LIFE (8-16)**

- A. Onesimus is our brother now (8-11)**
- B. Onesimus has proven himself in ministry (12-13)**
- C. Onesimus is legally your slave (23-25)**

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## **EXCURSUS: CHRISTIANITY AND SLAVERY**

### **1) The origin of slavery**

*Ethnicity vs. Defeat in battle*

### **2) The general treatment of slaves**

*bad treatment vs. “a little better than bad” treatment*

*education prohibited vs education promoted*

*impossibility of freedom vs. possibility of freedom*

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*I. A TRANSFORMED LIFE (8-16)*

## **II. AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS (17-25)**

**A. Paul assumes Onesimus's obligation (17-19)**

**B. Philemon's opportunity to bless Paul (20-22)**

**C. Greetings from friends (23-25)**

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# APPLICATION

## **Recognize the life-changing nature of salvation**

*Our status before God*

*Our goal for living*

*Our relationship with others*

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**Seek to glorify God in all aspects of your life**

*Everyday communication with others*

*Black and white moral issues*

*Preference issues (where Scripture is not definitive)*

*Seek wisdom from the Lord in challenging matters*

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