

THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion)

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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 *Onēsimos*, 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.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON.

- A A** 1 PAUL, a °prisoner of °Jesus Christ, and Timothy °our brother, °unto Philemon our °dearly beloved, and °fellowlabourer,
2 And to °our °beloved °Apphia, and °Archippus our °fellowsoldier, and to the °church °in thy house:
- B** 3 °Grace to you, and peace, °from °God our °Father and the °Lord °Jesus Christ.
- B C** 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 the °communication of thy °faith may become °effectual °by the °acknowledging of every good thing which is °in °you °in °Christ °Jesus.
- D a** 7 For °we have great joy and °consolation °in thy °love,
b because the °bowels of the °saints °are °refreshed °by thee, °brother.
- C G** 8 Wherefore, °though I might be much bold °in °Christ to °enjoin thee that which is °convenient,
- H** 9 °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.
- J c** 10 I °beseech thee °for 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:
- d** 12 Whom I °have °sent again: °thou therefore receive him, that is, °mine own bowels:
- K** 13 Whom I °would have retained °with me, °that °in thy stead he °might have ministered °unto me °in the bonds of the °gospel:
- K** 14 But °without thy °mind °would I do °nothing; °that °thy benefit should °not be as °it were °of necessity, but °willingly.
- C J c** 15 For °perhaps he °therefore °departed °for a °season, °that thou shouldest °receive him °for ever;

1 prisoner. Cp. Eph. 3. 1; 4. 1. 2 Tim. 1. 8. Jesus Christ=Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII.
our=the.
unto=to.
dearly beloved. Gr. *agapētos*. Ap. 135. III.
fellowlabourer. Gr. *sunergos*. See 1 Cor. 9. 9.
2 beloved. The texts read "sister".
Apphia. Tradition says she was the wife of Philemon.
Archippus. See Col. 4. 17.
fellowsoldier. Only here and Phil. 2. 25, which see.
ohurch. Ap. 186.
in. Gr. *kata*. Ap. 104. x. 2.
3 Grace. Gr. *charis*. Ap. 184. I. 1.
from. Ap. 104. iv.
God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.
Father. Ap. 98. III.
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.
Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.
4 thank. Gr. *eucharistēō*. See Acts 27. 35.
mention. Gr. *mneia*. See Rom. 1. 9. Eph. 1. 16.
1 Thess. 1. 2.
always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.
in. Gr. *epi*. Ap. 104. ix. 1.
prayers. Gr. *proseuchē*. Ap. 134. II. 2.
5 love=the love. Ap. 135. II. 1.
faith=the faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.
toward. Gr. *pros*. Ap. 104. xv. 3.
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.
Jesus. Ap. 98. X.
toward. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi.
saints=the saints. See Acts 9. 13.
6 That. Supply the ellipsis by "(Praying) that".
communication=fellowship. Gr. *koinōnia*. See Acts 2. 42.
effectual. Gr. *energēs*. See 1 Cor. 16. 9. Elsewhere, Heb. 4. 12. See Ap. 172. 4.
by. Ap. 104. viii.
acknowledging. Ap. 132. II. ii.
in. Ap. 104. viii.
you. The texts read "us".
in. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi.
Christ. Ap. 98. IX.
Jesus. The texts omit.
7 we have. The texts read "I had".
consolation. See Acts 4. 35.
in. Ap. 104. ix. 2.
bowels. See 2 Cor. 6. 12.
are=have been.
refreshed. See 1 Cor. 16. 18.
by. Ap. 104. v. 1.
8 though . . . bold. Lit. having much boldness
enjoin=command. Gr. *epitassō*. convenient.
for . . . sake. Ap. 104. v. 2. beseech. Ap. 134. I. 6.
aged. Gr. *presbutēs*. See Tit. 2. 2. Elsewhere, Luke 1. 18. also, &c.=a prisoner also.
10 for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. son. Ap. 108. i. have begotten=begat. Cp. Phil. 1. 12, 13. 11 un-
profitable=not useful. Gr. *achrestos*. Only here. Fig. *Meiosis*. Ap. 6. profitable. Gr. *euchrestos*. See
2 Tim. 2. 21. 12 have. Omit. sent again=sent back. Ap. 174. 5. thou therefore receive. The
texts omit, and read "sent again to thee". mine own bowels=as mine own self. Fig. *Synecdochē*.
Ap. 6. 13 would, &c.=was minded (Ap. 102. 3) to retain. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. that=in order
that. Gr. *hina*. in . . . stead. Ap. 104. xvii. 1. might have, &c.=may minister. Ap. 190. III. 1.
gospel. See Ap. 140. 14 without=apart from. Gr. *chōris*. mind. Ap. 177. 2. would. Lit.
was willing to. Ap. 102. 1. nothing. Gr. *ouden*. thy benefit. Lit. the good thing of thee. not.
Ap. 105. II. it were. Omit. of. Ap. 104. x. 2. willingly=according to (Ap. 104. x. 2) free-will.
Gr. *hekousios*. Only here. The adverb in Heb. 10. 26. 1 Pet. 5. 2. 15 perhaps. Gr. *tacha*. Only here
and Rom. 5. 7. therefore=because of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this. departed=was separated. Gr. *chōrizō*.
First occ. Matt. 19. 6. for. Ap. 104. xv. 3. season. Lit. hour. Gr. *hōra*. receive. Gr. *apechō*.
See Matt. 6. 2. for ever. Ap. 151. II. B. iii.

16 °Not now as a °servant, but °above a °servant, a 1 brother 2 beloved, specially to me, but how much more 1 unto thee, both 6-in the flesh, and 6-in the 3 Lord?

d 17 °If thou °count me therefore a °partner, °receive him as myself.

H 18 17If he °hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, °put that on mine account;

19 3 Paul °have written it with mine own hand, 3 will °repay it;

G °albeit I do 14not say to thee °how thou °owest 1 unto me even thine own self besides.

B D a 20 Yea, 1 brother, °let me have joy of thee 6-in the 3 Lord:

b 7 refresh my 7 bowels 6-in °the Lord.

C 21 °Having confidence in thy obedience I 19 wrote 1 unto thee, °knowing that thou wilt °also do °more than I say.

22 But °withal prepare °me also a °lodging: for I °trust that °through your 4 prayers I shall be °given 1 unto you.

A 4 23 There °salute thee °Epaphras, my °fellow-prisoner 6-in °Christ Jesus;

24 °Marcus, °Aristarchus, °Demas, °Lucas, my 1 fellowlabourers.

B 25 °The 3 grace of our 6 Lord 3 Jesus Christ be °with your °spirit. Amen.

16 Not now = No longer. Gr. *ouketi*.

servant. Ap. 190. I. 2.

above. Ap. 104. xvii. 2.

17 If. Ap. 118. 2. a.

count. Lit. have. Gr. *echō*.

partner = partaker. Gr. *koinōnos*. See 1 Cor. 10. 18.

receive. Gr. *proslambanō*. "You have received me;

receive him in addition, as myself." Cp. Rom. 15. 7.

18 hath. Omit.

put . . . on . . . account. Gr. *ellogēō*. Only here and Rom. 5. 13 (imputed).

19 have written = wrote.

repay. Gr. *apotinō*. Only here.

albeit = that. Gr. *hina*.

how = that.

owest . . . besides. Gr. *prosopheilo*. Only here.

20 let me have joy = may I profit. Gr. *onimēti*, the

root-word from which comes *onēsimos*. "Let me have

profit from thee, seeing I am sending back Onesimus (profitable) to thee."

the Lord. The texts read "Christ". Ap. 98. IX.

21 Having confidence. Ap. 150. I. 2.

knowing. Ap. 132. I. i.

also do more = do more also.

more than = above (Ap. 104. xvii. 2) that which.

22 withal. Gr. *hama*. See Col. 4. 3. 1 Tim. 5. 13.

me also = also for me.

lodging. Gr. *xenia*. Only here and Acts 28. 23.

trust = hope. Gr. *elpizō*.

through. Ap. 104. v. 1.

given = granted as a favour. Gr. *charizomai*. Ap.

184. II. 1.

23 salute = greet. Gr. *aspazomai*. Cp. Col. 4. 12.

Epaphras. See Col. 1. 7.

fellowprisoner. Gr. *sunaiχmalitos*. See Rom. 16. 7.

See Acts 12. 12, 25; 15. 37, 39. Col. 4. 10. 2 Tim. 4. 11.

20. 4; 27. 2. Col. 4. 10.

Demas. See Col. 4. 14.

25 The grace, &c. Paul's constant benediction. with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. spirit.

Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII.

1 Pet. 5. 13.

2 Tim. 4. 10.

foot-note. Ap. 101. II. 9.

24 Marcus.

Aristarchus. See Acts 19. 29;

20. 4; 27. 2.

Lucas. See Col. 4. 14.

2 Tim. 4. 11; also Int. Notes to Luke's Gospel, especially the

with. Ap. 104. xi. 1.

spirit.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

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(Introversion and Alternation.)

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