

THE *Big*

PICTURE  
NEW TESTAMENT



Welcome to Class 13!

Book of Philemon  
Justice

OVERVIEW

BROTHERS IN THE MESSIAH

EXPLOSIVE!

FOR KOREA  
PAUL, ROMANUS  
IS NOT JUST AN IDEA.

# PHILEMON

IT'S SOMETHING YOU'VE

THE MISSION!

GET PHILEMON  
TO APPROVE CHANGE  
AND  
ENCOURAGE HIM AS  
A BROTHER

† = 203

■ **Rome 1** - Paul, under house arrest for 2 years c AD61-63, writes to the Churches at Colossae (& personally to Philemon), Ephesus and Philippi

**5** ■ **Philippi**

**4** **Ephesus** ■  
& the surrounding churches of Asia

■ **Colossae 2**  
**3** Personal letter to Philemon



# Onesimus

- Taken from the Bible Philemon 11  
“ONCE HE WAS USELESS TO YOU, BUT NOW HE IS **USEFUL** TO BOTH YOU AND ME.”
- Greek word
- Means Useful





## Philemon 15 – 19

*“Perhaps the reason [Onesimus] was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self” ([Philemon 1:15–19](#)).*

For perhaps he was for this reason separated from you for a little while,  
that you would have him back forever,  
no longer as a slave,

but more than a slave;

a beloved brother

especially to me,  
but how much more to you,  
both in the flesh and in the Lord.





**'WE ARE ALL GOD'S  
ONESIMUS.'**

~ MARTIN LUTHER





## [Psalm 103:8–12:](#)

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*



[Genesis 50:17](#): *I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly. Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.*

[Leviticus 4:35](#): *In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.*

[Luke 5:20](#): *When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."*



## [1 John 1:8–10:](#)

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*



[Acts 10:43](#): *All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

[Acts 13:38](#): *Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.*

[Ephesians 1:7](#): *In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*



[Colossians 3:13](#)


*“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you”*

[Matthew 18:21–35:](#)

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”*

*Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but [seventy-seven times](#).”*



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- Have I confessed my sin and received God's forgiveness?
  - Is there anyone whom I have sinned against and from whom I need to ask forgiveness?
  - Is there anyone who has sinned against me and has asked me for forgiveness, but I have refused to forgive?
  - Is there anyone I am holding a grudge against for past wrongs?
  - If there is an unresolved issue, will I simply "let it go," or will I go talk to the offender about it? (Continuing to hold a grudge is not a biblical option!)
  - Would I be willing to forgive if the offender asked me for forgiveness?

THEME



**JUSTICE**