

Philemon: Paul and Onesimus

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

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Instruction: Please circle the correct answer or answers for the multiple-choice questions and circle true or false for the true and false questions.

1. The **Epistle of Philemon** was written during Paul's:
 - a. first missionary journey.
 - b. second missionary journey.
 - c. first imprisonment in Rome.
 - d. second imprisonment in Rome.
 - e. none of the above.
2. Most biblical scholars agree or accept that the **Epistle of Philemon** was written around:
 - a. 58 to 59 A. D.
 - b. 61 to 62 A. D.
 - c. 65 to 66 A. D.
 - d. 67 to 68 A. D.
3. This **Epistle** was written at the same time the **Epistle** to the _____ was written.
 - a. Colossians
 - b. Ephesians
 - c. Philippians
 - d. Galatians
4. In the "**Greeting**" or "**Salutation**" of Philemon, Paul introduces himself as a (an):
 - a. apostle
 - b. slave
 - c. prisoner
 - d. debtor
5. In the "**Greeting**" or "**Salutation**" of Philemon, Paul greets _____ (she was possibly Philemon's wife) and _____ (possibly Philemon's son).
 - a. Timothy
 - b. Epaphras
 - c. Lydia
 - d. Apphia
 - e. Demas
 - f. Archippus

6. Paul always did at least two things for Philemon; he prayed for him and _____.

- a. worried about him
- b. told others about him.
- c. thanked God for him.
- d. all the above are true.
- e. none of the above are true.

7. There were two things Paul heard about Philemon; select from the choices the two things Paul had heard about Philemon:

- a. his love
- b. his hospitality
- c. his wealth.
- d. his faith.

8. The purpose of Paul writing the **Epistle of Philemon** was:

- a. to encourage him to be an example of a believer.
- b. to encourage him to continue in the faith.
- c. to encourage him to practice forgiveness.
- d. to ask him to prepare a room for him to stay upon his release from prison.

9. Which description **is not true** about Onesimus?

- a. He ran away from Philemon.
- b. He was abused by Philemon prior to running away from him.
- c. He may have stolen money from Philemon on his departure.
- d. He was willing to return to resolve his conflict with Philemon.
- e. All the descriptions are true.

10. Paul appealed to Philemon to do which of the following?

- a. To set all his slaves free.
- b. To repent of the sinful practice of slavery.
- c. To accept Onesimus back if he made full restitution.
- d. To punish Onesimus to make an example of him before other slaves.
- e. None of the above.

11. Paul prayed for Philemon to continue to have an impact on those around him by sharing his _____.

- a. wealth
- b. faith
- c. home
- d. all the above

12. Philemon's loving actions toward others had been a great _____ and _____ to Paul; therefore, Paul was hoping that Philemon would continue kindness toward Onesimus.

- a. joy
- b. concern
- c. consolation
- d. example

13. Of the statement(s) stated, which **is/are true** about Philemon?

- a. He was a wealthy man who lived in Ephesus.
- b. He baptized Onesimus.
- c. He had a good reputation in the community but not among his slaves.
- d. He loved the Lord and people.
- e. None of the choices are true.

14. Paul appealed to Philemon to accept Onesimus back. Which **is not** one of the reasons or appeals given by Paul to accept Onesimus back?

- a. Respect for Paul's age.
- b. He was Paul's son in the gospel.
- c. Paul could have used his apostolic authority to command him to accept him back.
- d. Love's sake.
- e. Onesimus had become only useful for Paul.
- f. All the choices are true.

15. Of the choices given below, which is more likely to be true as to why Onesimus ran away?

- a. Philemon had mistreated him.
- b. Onesimus was lazy and not dependable.
- c. For a door to open for Onesimus to obey the gospel and to become a brother to Philemon.
- d. Onesimus desired to be a free man.
- e. None of the choices are true.

16. True or False - Paul didn't want to keep Onesimus with him.

17. True or False - Paul commanded Philemon to accept Onesimus back because he had repented of his mistakes.

18. Which **is not true** of Paul's description of Philemon or what Paul considered Philemon to be?

- a. a partner
- b. a beloved friend
- c. a brother
- d. a fellow laborer
- e. a prisoner
- f. all the choices

19. Which statement **is not true** upon Philemon accepting Onesimus back?
- a. He would be doing the right thing.
 - b. He would get his slave back.
 - c. He would gain a brother.
 - d. He would receive someone who could become useful to him.
 - e. All choices are true.
20. Paul encouraged and taught the need to make restitution when possible; he didn't tell Philemon to forget Onesimus' debt, but said:
- a. for him to work it off him upon his return.
 - b. to add his debt to his account.
 - c. to double his debt and work it off him.
 - d. to ask the other slaves to help pay off his debt.
21. What did Philemon owe to Paul?
- a. money for books that he had given him.
 - b. rent because Philemon was staying in Paul's house.
 - c. he owed his life to Paul who had saved his soul from the beast, Satan.
 - d. None of the choices are correct.
22. True or False - Timothy wrote this Epistle for Paul to Philemon.
23. True or False - Based on Philemon's previous acts, Paul had great confidence in Philemon doing the right thing by Onesimus.
24. In Paul's farewell, he prayed for Philemon to display the right _____ toward Onesimus.
- a. love
 - b. speech
 - c. spirit
 - d. behavior
25. In the farewell, who did Paul identify as a "**fellow prisoner**" in Jesus Christ?
- a. Demas
 - b. Timothy
 - c. Mark
 - d. Epaphras
 - e. Aristarchus
 - f. None of the choices

26. Indirectly, Paul encouraged Philemon to accept Onesimus back because:

- a. they both were from the city of Colossae.
- b. they both were now members of the same spiritual family.
- c. he was a good slave master.
- d. None of the above.

27. Several practical lessons are taught in the **Epistle of Philemon**. Of the lessons below, which **is or are not** true about the Epistle?

- a. Bad things can happen in our lives, but it can be turned into something good.
- b. All people can change.
- c. God answers all prayers the same way.
- d. We must forgive people if they don't ask for it.
- e. All are true.

28. Of the names listed below, which name **is not** mentioned in the Epistle of Philemon?

- a. Demas
- b. Timothy
- c. Barnabas
- d. John Mark
- e. Luke
- f. All are mentioned

29. What did Paul ask of Philemon to do in anticipation of his release from prison?

- a. Send him money to assist with the journey from prison.
- b. Pray for his release from prison to be soon.
- c. Send Luke to provide medical assistance.
- d. Prepare a guest room for him to stay with him.
- e. None of the above.

30. Of the Epistles listed below, identify the ones Paul wrote during his first imprisonment in Rome.

- a. 1 Timothy
- b. Philemon
- c. Hebrews
- d. 1 Thessalonians
- e. Ephesians
- f. Romans
- g. Colossians
- h. Philippians