

# Philemon; Appeal for Onesimus

1:1 Paul, prisoner for Christ
1:16 To Philemon, fellow worker
1:3 Grace to you
1:4 I thank my God
1:8 I appeal to you
1:15 Receive him as me
1:21 Confident of your obedience
1:23 Epaphras sends greetings
1:25 Grace with your spirit

Key Verse 10 or 16

### **When was church planted?**

53 - 55 AD (Colossian Church)

### **When Written?**

57 AD end of 3<sup>rd</sup> journey

### **Who wrote and why?**

Roman Imp. 61 - 62 AD

Ephesus Imp. 53 - 55 AD

### **Main Idea?**

Forgiveness and reconciliation  
or Lay down rights and forgive

### **Distinguishing characteristic?**

Only personal letter of  
recommendation in the Bible

### **Historical Background?**

Onesimus must have run away.  
He met Paul, got saved. The  
punishment for run away slave  
was death (crucifixion). Slaves  
were owned but not treated  
poorly