

A PERSONAL APPEAL TO PHILEMON pt 2

A Theme of Philemon: Forgiveness and Reconciliation towards others, because we have been forgiven and reconciled through Christ.

What have we seen thus far?

I. Paul's Introduction And Greeting (1-3)

II. Paul's Approach To Philemon (4-7)

III. Paul's Appeal To Philemon (8-20)

A. The Basis Of The Appeal (8-9)

B. The Object Of The Appeal (10-12a)

C. The Essence Of The Appeal (12b-14, & 17)

D. The Goal Of The Appeal (15-20)

1. Onesimus' _____ (15) "that you might receive him forever"

2. Onesimus' _____ (16) "no longer as a slave but more than a slave – a beloved brother"

- What does it mean to forgive someone?

- There are two kinds of forgiveness we need to note:

- Positional _____ forgiveness is offered to the _____ through simple faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary. (Acts 16:31)
- Conditional _____ forgiveness is offered to the _____ through confession of known sin. (1 John 1:9)

3. Onesimus' _____ (17-18)

a. Why was Onesimus out of favor?

1. Because he had previously been _____. (11)

2. Because he _____ he couldn't pay. (18a)

What could be the basis of reconciliation?

- "If they you count me as a partner, _____ as you would me" (17 – Substitution truth)
- "put that _____" (18b – Imputation truth)

What are the three imputations presented in scripture?

1. _____ was imputed to our account. (Rom 5:12)
2. All sin was imputed to _____ at Calvary. (2 Cor 5:21, 2 Cor 8:9, Isaiah 53:4-6, 1 Peter 2:24-25)
3. Upon faith in Christ, _____ is imputed to our account. (Rom 3:21–22, Phil 3:8–9, 2 Cor 5:17- 21, Rom 4:5)

*This illustration in Philemon pictures our redemption and resulting reconciliation. How?

4. Paul confirms that he will repay any debt owed. Paul also reminds Philemon of a debt that he owed. (19) What could this be?

5. Paul's wish and command for Philemon concerning Onesimus (20)

- a. His wish: Let me have _____ from you in the Lord.
- b. His command: _____ my heart in the Lord.

IV. Paul's Confidence Concerning Philemon (21-22)

- A. Paul believed Philemon would _____ what he had requested. (21)
- B. Paul believed he would be _____ from prison because of their prayers.

V. Concluding Remarks (23-25)

What does all of this mean to you?