

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO (FOI)

Letter of Apostle Paulo to PHILEMON

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1. Paulo, a prisoner of IESO The Anointed One, and Timotheo our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow labourer,

Greetings to the household of Philemon.

2. And to our beloved Apphia, and Arhchippo our fellow soldier, and to the Ekklesia in thy house:

3. Grace to you, and peace, from Aleim our Father and the Master IESO The Anointed One.

Paulo's thanks Aleim for Philemon.

4. I thank my Aleim, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5. Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Master IESO, 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 IESO.

7. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Paulo's plea on behalf of Onesimo.

Paulo speaks to Philemon regarding Onesimo.

8. Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9. Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paulo the aged, and now also a prisoner of IESO The Anointed One.

10. I beseech thee for my son Onesimo, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11. Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

Paulo sends Onesimo back with the hope that Philemon will allow him to return again to Paulo.

12. Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13. Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the Glad Tidings (Gospel):

14. But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

Paulo explains the providential hand of Aleim at work in Onesimo' escape.

15. For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him forever;

16. Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Master?

Paulo's personal promise of restitution towards Philemon.

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

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

19. I Paulo have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

Paulo's confidence in Philemon' response.

20. Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Master: refresh my bowels in the Master.

21. Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote 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 prayers I shall be given unto you.

Paulo sends greeting to Philemon from common friends in Rome.

23. There salute thee Epaphrha, my fellow prisoner in Christ IESO;

24. Marhko, Arhistarhcho, Dema, Louka, my fellow labourers.

Conclusion to the letter.

25. The grace of our Master IESO The Anointed One be with your spirit. Amen.

KJV Footnotes

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The following was added by editors of the KJV:

Written from Rome to Philemon, by Onesimo a servant.