

# Key Repetitions within Passages in Philemon

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## *The Letter of Paul to* PHILEMON

### *Salutation*

- 1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved *brother* and fellow worker,
- 2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
- 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Philemon's Love and Faith*

- 4 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers,
- 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints;
- 6 and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.
- 7 For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.
- 8 Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you to do what is proper,
- 9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

### *Plea for Onesimus, a Free Man*

- 10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment,
- 11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.
- 12 I have sent him back to you in person, that is, sending my very heart,
- 13 whom I wished to keep with me, so that on your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel;
- 14 but without your consent I did not want to do anything, so that your goodness would not be, in effect, by compulsion but of your own free will.
- 15 For perhaps he was for this reason separated from you for a while, that you would have him back forever,
- 16 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.
- 17** If then you regard me a partner, accept him as *you would* me.
- 18** But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to my account;
- 19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).
- 20** Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my **heart** in Christ.
- 21** Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.
- 22** At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.
- 23** Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,
- 24** *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my **fellow workers**.
- 25** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.