

ENHANCED PARTICIPATION IN THE FAITH: Part 2

Philemon 1:8-16

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Review

1. Paul wishes grace and peace from the Father and Christ to the household of a beloved fellow-worker, Philemon, and to the [Colossian] church in his home (1:1–3).
2. [Paul thankfully prays for his loving & faithful friend to gain a greater recognition of Christ’s work in His body to energize him] because he is thankful that Philemon already refreshes believers (1:4-7)

[Paul appeals to Philemon], despite having authority to command him to do what is best (1:8)

Paul’s authority

What is best

[Based on his prayer for Philemon to gain a greater recognition of Christ’s work in His body] Paul appeals to Philemon for Onesimus because of love and because he is now an aged prisoner (1:9-10)

Paul appeals to Philemon, rather than commanding him

Difference between *presbutēs* and *presbeutēs*

Presbeutēs means _____ (This is the word in the text).

Presbutēs means _____ or is an alternate spelling for _____

The argument from context:

Paul’s emphasis on Onesimus:

10 I appeal to you for	my son Onesimus, whom	I have begotten <i>while</i> in my chains,
11	who	once was unprofitable to you, but
	[who]	now is profitable to you and to me .
12 I am sending.	him	back
You therefore receive	him,	that is, my own heart,
13	whom	I wished to keep with me ,
that on your behalf	he	might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.
14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.		
15 For perhaps	he	departed for a while for this <i>purpose</i> ,
that you might receive	him	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.		

[Paul appeals for] the once useless Onesimus, who is now profitable to Philemon and Paul (1:11)
Meaning of the name *Onesimus*

Paul is returning Onesimus, so for Philemon to receive him is Paul's desire, although his first thought was to keep Onesimus for ministry (1:12-13)

[Although Paul would have preferred to keep Onesimus] he did not want Philemon's good deed to be forced, but to be voluntary (1:14)

Why?

2 Corinthians ____: ____

[In explanation of Paul's desire to avoid compelling Philemon, Paul suggests that Onesimus' temporary departure may have been for the purpose that Philemon would receive him as more than a slave—as a brother beloved to Philemon and to Paul (1:15-16)

Conclusion: Viewing the passage from different standpoints

Standpoint 1:

Standpoint 2:

Standpoint 3: