Philemon

Bible Study Series

Lesson 1 Introduction

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Philemon - Introduction

A. Background of the letter

1.Written around 62-64 AD during Paul's first imprisonment (Acts 28).

2. Eighteenth book in the New Testament, thirteenth and last of Paul's letters.

3. 57th book in the Bible. Compare with Is. 57.

4. Compare with Ephesians and Colossians written around the same time.

5. Compare with "unto all good works". 2 Tim.3:17

6. The shortest of Paul's letters with 25 verses containing 431 words.

7. Onesimus, the subject of the book, is one of Paul's converts while in prison. His name means *Profitable, Useful* (Smith)

Col 4:9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is [one] of you. They shall make known unto you all things

Paul's Missionary Journeys

This map is a panoramic view of much of the Roman Empire. It traces the key places where Paul lived and traveled to spread the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ!

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B. Key words:

Begotten, Bonds, Bowels, Profitable,

C. Unique Words:

There are none identified at this time

D. Key phrase:

Begotten in my bonds v.10

E. Theme of the book:

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

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F. Outline of the book:

1. Beloved labourer 1-6
2. Bold in Christ 7-11
3. Bonds of the gospel 12-16
4. Bowels refreshed 17-21
5. But prepare me a lodging 22-25