



_____, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To _____ our beloved fellow worker... (v. 1)

I appeal to you for my child, _____, whose father I became in my imprisonment... (v. 10). I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart (v. 12).

So if you consider me your partner, _____ him as you would receive me (v. 17). _____ my heart in Christ (v. 20).

The Challenge Before All Three Men

- Paul: to send someone very _____ back?
- Onesimus: to actually ____ back?
- Philemon: how to _____ Onesimus?

Lessons Worth Learning From the Letter

- _____: how much more effective for good might we be if we focused on the _____ before the negative?
 - ◆ A _____ (v. 3)
 - ◆ Expressed _____ for what is commendable in Philemon's life (v. 4-5)
- _____: Philemon was a man who genuinely cared about God and others (v. 7)
 - ◆ With that existing foundation, Paul could present one of the most difficult opportunities Philemon might ever face (v. 10-14)
 - ◆ Notice again the present optimism fueled by _____ refreshment (v. 20-22)
- _____: maturing from "what is required" to "for _____ sake" (v. 8-9)
- " _____ ": Paul's trust in God's _____ (v. 14-16)