

Philemon

- 1) What other New Testament book discusses Onesimus and some of the other people who are mentioned in this book?
- 2) What situation prompted the Philemon letter?
 - a) Who was Philemon?
 - b) Who was Onesimus?
 - c) What had happened to Onesimus at Rome?
- 3) What was Philemon's house sometimes used for?
- 4) Along with the service alluded to in question 3, what other service did Philemon provide for the saints?
- 5) Some people criticize the Bible for condoning slavery. However, Bible laws actually help to protect slaves. Read Exodus 21:1-11, 20, 26-27 and be prepared to explain the difference between treatment of slaves under the Law, and treatment of slaves without God's law:
 - a) What scenarios are described in 1 Timothy 6:1-2?
 - b) How does this passage relate to Philemon and Onesimus?

Questions On Philemon

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- 6) What two types of admonition are addressed in Philemon 8 and 9?
- 7) Where did Paul send Onesimus, and why?
- 8) What had Onesimus been doing for Paul, and how did this service relate to Philemon?
- 9) Though Paul could have commanded Philemon in regard to his use of his servant Onesimus, what principle contained in verse 14 does Paul honor?
- 10) How did Paul want Philemon to treat Onesimus when he returned?
- 11) Onesimus departed from Philemon as a mere slave, but would be returning to him also as a _____?
- 12) What did Paul offer to do in the event that Onesimus owed Philemon anything?
 - a) In an interesting twist, of what does Paul remind Philemon with respect to Philemon's own debt to Paul? (19)
- 13) In what did Paul have confidence with respect to Philemon?
- 14) What did Paul expect Philemon to do for him in his travels?