

Philemon

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 Paul, prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timotheus the brother, to Philemon the beloved and our fellow-workman, **2** and to the sister Apphia and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the assembly which is in thine house. **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I thank my God, always making mention of thee at my prayers, **5** hearing of thy love and the faith which thou hast towards the Lord Jesus, and towards all the saints, **6** in such sort that thy participation in the faith should become operative in the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in us towards Christ Jesus. **7** For we have great thankfulness and encouragement through thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

8 Wherefore having much boldness in Christ to enjoin thee what is fitting, **9** for love's sake I rather exhort, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also prisoner of Jesus Christ. **10** I exhort thee for *my* child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, Onesimus, **11** once unserviceable to thee, but now serviceable to thee and to me: **12** whom I have sent back to thee: but do *thou* receive him, that is, *my* bowels: **13** whom *I* was desirous of keeping with myself, that for thee he might minister to me in the bonds of the glad tidings; **14** but I have wished to do nothing without thy mind, that thy good might not be as of necessity but of willingness: **15** for perhaps for this reason he has been separated from thee for a time, that thou mightest possess him fully for ever; **16** not any longer as a bondman, but above a bondman, a beloved brother, specially to me, and how much rather to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord? **17** If therefore thou holdest me to be a partner with thee, receive him as me; **18** but if he have wronged thee anything or owe anything to thee, put this to my account. **19** *I* Paul have written it with mine own hand; *I* will repay it: that I say not to thee that thou owest even thine own self also to me. **20** Yea, brother, *I* would have profit of *thee* in the Lord: refresh my bowels in Christ. **21** Being confident of thine obedience, I have written to thee, knowing that thou wilt do even more than I say. **22** But withal prepare me also a lodging; for I hope that I shall be granted to you through your prayers. **23** Epaphras salutes thee, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus; **24** Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-workmen. **25** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.