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### EXPLANATION OF GENERAL FORMAT

Paragraphs are designated by bold face verse numbers or letters.

Personal Pronouns are capitalized when pertaining to Deity.

Brackets indicate words probably not in the original languages.

Italics are used in the text to indicate words which are not found in the original Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek but implied by it.

Small caps in the New Testament are used in the text to indicate Old Testament quotations or obvious references to Old Testament texts. Variations of Old Testament wording are found in New Testament citations depending on whether the New Testament writer translated from a Hebrew text, used existing Greek or Aramaic translations, or paraphrased the material. It should be noted that modern rules for the indication of direct quotation were not used in biblical times; thus, the ancient writer would use exact quotations or references to quotation without specific indication of such.

An Asterisk (\*) is used to mark verbs that are historical presents in the Greek which have been translated with an English past tense in order to conform to modern usage. The translators recognized that in some contexts the present tense seems more unexpected and unjustified to the English reader than a past tense would have been. But Greek authors frequently used the present tense for the sake of heightened vividness, thereby transporting their readers in imagination to the actual scene at the time of occurrence. However, the translators felt that it would be wise to change these historical presents to English past tenses.







- 1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved *brother* and fellow worker,
- 2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier,  
and to the church in your 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 you in my prayers,
- 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints;
- 6 *and I pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.
- 7 For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.
- 8 Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do* what is proper,
- 9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—



- 10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment,
- 11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.
- 12 I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart,
- 13 whom I wished to keep with me, so that on your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel;
- 14 but without your consent I did not want to do anything, so that your goodness would not be, in effect, by compulsion but of your own free will.
- 15 For perhaps he was for this reason separated *from you* for a while, that you would have him back 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.



- 17 If then you regard me a partner, accept him as *you would* me.
- 18 But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to my account;
- 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).
- 20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.
- 21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.
- 22 At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.
- 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,
- 24 *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.
- 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



