

## Philemon Observation Sheet

#	Verse	Observation
1	1	Paul is a prisoner
2	1	Timothy is with him
3	1	letter written to Philemon...and others
4	1	it is a personal letter
5	1	Philemon is referred to as a "worker"
6	1	Timothy is referred to as a brother (fellow Christian)
7	1	Paul is the author
8	1	Timothy is a co-author
9	1	Philemon is referred to as "beloved"
10	2	the church met in Philemon's house
11	2	letter also sent to Apphia
12	2	letter also sent to Archippus
13	2	letter also sent to the "church that meets in your house"
14	2	Archippus was mentioned at the end of Colossians
15	2	Archippus was referred to as a "fellow soldier"
16	4	Paul prays for Philemon
17	4	Paul knows Philemon and knows him as a brother in Christ
18	4	starts the letter by encouraging Philemon
19	4	Paul thanks God for Philemon
20	5	others told Paul about Philemon
21	5	Philemon had faith in Jesus
22	6	Philemon shared his faith
23	6	Paul prays for effectiveness in Philemon's faith sharing
24	6	Paul prays for full knowledge of all the good that comes from Christ
25	7	Paul is encouraged by Philemon
26	7	Other Christians are encouraged by Philemon
27	7	deep encouragement - not superficial (hearts)
28	7	hearts of the saints have been refreshed
29	7	deriving joy and comfort from Philemon's love
30	7	Paul's encouragement with Philemon is because of the effect Philemon has had on others
31	8	Paul has authority over Philemon
32	8	Paul chooses to encourage rather than order
33	8	being bold enough in Christ
34	8	Paul could order Philemon
35	8	Paul choose to appeal to Philemon instead of ordering
36	8	Philemon had a right/wrong decision to make
37	9	Paul is a prisoner
38	9	Paul was old
39	9	Paul loved Philemon
40	9	Paul is in prison because of Christ
41	10	Onesimus has entered into "sonship"
42	10	Paul led Onesimus to Christ
43	10	Onesimus was led to Christ while Paul was in prison

44 10 What type of imprisonment? House arrest? Dungeon? Etc?  
45 10 purpose of the letter is Onesimus  
46 11 Onesimus is submitting to authority...he formerly ran away from authority  
Onesimus is going back to Philemon...the one he had run away from...as submission to  
47 11 Paul's authority  
48 11 formerly he was useless...when? Before running away or after?  
49 11 His worth was unprofitable...now is profitable  
50 11 Paul uses a play on words...Onesimus means "useful". (footnotes)  
51 12 Paul is sending Onesimus  
52 12 Paul has great feelings for Onesimus  
53 12 Paul has an emotional connection with Onesimus  
54 13 Paul would be glad to keep Onesimus  
55 13 Is Paul seeing Onesimus as property?...he is a slave.  
56 13 Onesimus is doing things to benefit Paul  
57 13 Paul would like to keep Onesimus with him.  
58 13 Onesimus seems willing to serve  
59 13 Paul might be hinting at a desired outcome  
60 14 Paul doesn't want to upset Philemon  
61 14 Paul is imprisoned for the gospel  
62 14 Paul wants Philemon to be willing to help  
63 14 Paul gives Philemon a choice of what to do with Onesimus  
64 14 Paul assumes a good response from Philemon  
65 15 there is a reason that things are done  
66 15 Onesimus was separated from Philemon

67 15 Paul acknowledges that it might be God's will for Onesimus to stay with Philemon  
68 16 is Onesimus "new and improved" (better than a brother)  
Possible that Philemon was viewing slaves as property...Paul was seeing them as  
69 16 people.  
70 16 Onesimus was a slave...a runaway slave  
71 16 another reference to Onesimus being a "brother"...a Christian  
72 17 double partnership....Philemon and Paul  
73 17 Encouraged Philemon to greet Onesimus as he would welcome Paul  
74 17 Assumption that Philemon sees Paul as a partner  
75 17 Question: is "receive him" a command/imperative in the Greek?  
76 17 Paul expects that he would be received well by Philemon  
77 18 Possibility that Philemon was "wronged"  
78 18 Possibility that Onesimus owes Philemon  
79 18 Paul takes on Onesimus's debt to Philemon  
80 18 Paul wants Philemon to forgive Onesimus  
81 19 Paul writing "with his own hand"  
82 19 Paul committed to paying Philemon back  
Paul uses the phrase "you owe me your very self". Possible indication of Paul leading  
83 19 Philemon to Christ?  
84 19 Paul personally wrote the letter, not dictated  
85 19 Possibility that Onesimus did more than run away...might have stolen.  
86 19 Philemon is indebted to Paul for the effect that Paul had on Philemon's life

87 20 Paul knows that Philemon is a brother in Christ

88 20 As a result of Paul knowing Philemon is a brother, he expects a certain response  
89 21 Paul was trusting Philemon to do what was right.

90 21 Paul confident that Philemon will do more than asked

91 22 Philemon had communicated to Paul that he would like him to come back

92 22 Paul is assuming that they are praying.

93 22 Paul also has faith that the prayers will be answered

94 22 Paul had an expectation of being released and free.  
Philemon is apparently wealthy...guest room...slaves...house big enough for the church  
95 22 to meet in (v2)

96 23 Epaphras also knew Philemon

97 23 Epaphras was in prison with Paul

98 24 Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke all worked with Paul

99 24 This is apparently before Demas deserted Paul (2 Timothy)

100 25 Philemon needs grace to forgive Onesimus

101 25 ends the letter with encouragement  
Paul does a lot of encouraging Philemon..confidence in him...because he knows  
102 multiple Philemon

103 multiple Paul mentions multiple titles that he holds...different roles that he fulfills