

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 Archipus
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
		Paul's encouragement with Philemon is because of the effect Philemon has had on
30	7	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