

The Epistle to Philemon

Grace Changes Everything (Part 1)
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The Story:

Character 1: _____ v1

v1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

v9,13 I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus...in my imprisonment for the gospel;

Acts 7:58, 8:1,3; 9:3-4 When they had driven him [Stephen] out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul....Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem...But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison...As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

Philippians 3:4-7 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. ⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:24-27 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. ²⁶ *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; ²⁷ *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

Character 2: _____ v2-3

v2 To Philemon our beloved *brother* and fellow worker and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

v7,20 brother

v17 If then you regard me a partner,

v19 you owe to me even your own self as well

Character 3: _____ v10

v16 no longer as a slave

v10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment,

v11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

v18 But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything

Colossians 4:9 and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother.

1. Grace _____ your life v4-7

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.

1 John 3:23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

Phil 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

3 John 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.