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1 Paul a prisoner of Iesus Christ, and our brother Timotheus, vnto Philemon our deare friende, and fellowe helper, <sup>2</sup> And to our deare sister Apphia, and to Archippus our fellowe souldier, and to the Church that is in thine house: <sup>3</sup> Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Iesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I giue thanks to my God, making mention alwaies of thee in my praiers, <sup>5</sup> (When I heare of thy loue and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Iesus, and towarde all Saintes) <sup>6</sup> That the fellowship of thy faith may bee made effectuell, and that whatsoever good thing is in you through Christ Iesus, may be knowen. <sup>7</sup> For we haue great ioy and consolation in thy loue, because by thee, brother, the Saintes bowels are comforted. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore, though I bee very bolde in Christ to commaund thee that which is conuenient, <sup>9</sup> Yet for loues sake I rather beseeche thee, though I be as I am, euen Paul aged, and euen nowe a prisoner for Iesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I beseeche thee for my sonne Onesimus, whome I haue begotten in my bondes, <sup>11</sup> Which in times past was to thee vnprofitable, but nowe profitable both to thee and to me, <sup>12</sup> Whome I haue sent againe: thou therefore receiue him, that is mine owne bowels, <sup>13</sup> Whom I woulde haue reteined with mee, that in thy steade he might haue ministred vnto me in the bondes of the Gospel. <sup>14</sup> But without thy minde woulde I doe nothing, that thy benefite should not be as it were of necessitie, but willingly. <sup>15</sup> It may be that he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receiue him for euer, <sup>16</sup> Not now as a seruant, but aboute a seruant, euen as a brother beloued, specially to me: howe much more then vnto thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord? <sup>17</sup> If therefore thou count our thinges common, receiue him as my selfe. <sup>18</sup> If he hath hurt thee, or oweth thee ought, that put on mine accounts. <sup>19</sup> I Paul haue written this with mine owne hande: I will recompense it, albeit I doe not say to thee, that thou owest moreouer vnto me euen thine owne selfe. <sup>20</sup> Yea, brother, let mee obtaine this pleasure of thee in the Lord: comfort my bowels in the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Trusting in thine obedience, I wrote vnto thee, knowing that thou wilt do eue more then I say. <sup>22</sup> Moreouer also prepare mee lodging: for I trust through your prayers I shall be freely giuen vnto you. <sup>23</sup> There salute thee Epaphras my felowe prisoner in Christ Iesus, <sup>24</sup> Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my felowe helpers. <sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with your spirit, Amen. 'Written from Rome to Philemon, and send by Onesimus a seruant.'