Philemon

1Pavel, cel pus în lanțuri pentru Cristos Isus și fratele Timotei, către Filimon care lucrează împreună cu noi, către așteptarea Afia, către Arhip, luptător împreună cu noi și către biserică ce se întâlnește în casa ta.

2Har și pace vouă de la Dumnezeu, Tatăl nostru, și de la Domnul Isus Cristos!

Dragostea și credința lui Filimon

3Greetings from Paul, a prisoner for Jesus Christ, and from Timothy, our brother.

To Philemon, our dear friend and worker with us.

4Also to Apphia, our sister; to Archippus, a worker with us; and to the church* that meets in your home.

5Grace* and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon’s Love and Faith

6I remember you in my prayers. And I always thank my God for you.

7I thank God because I hear about the love you have for all of God’s holy people* and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus. I pray that the faith you share will make you understand every blessing we have in Christ. My brother, you have shown love to God’s people, and your help has greatly encouraged them. What a great joy and encouragement that has been to me.

Accept Onesimus as a Brother

8There is something that you should do. And because of the authority I have in Christ, I feel free to command you to do it. But I am not commanding you; I am asking you to do it out of love.

9I, Paul, am an old man now, and I am a prisoner for Christ Jesus. I am asking you for my son Onesimus. He became my son while I was in prison.

10In the past, he was useless to you. But now he has become useful* for both you and me.

11I am sending him back to you, but it’s like sending part of myself.

12I would like to keep him here to help me while I am still in prison for telling the Good News.* By helping me here, he would be representing you.

13But I did not want to do anything without asking you first. Then whatever you do for me will be what you want to do, not what I forced you to do.

14Onesimus was separated from you for a short time. Maybe that happened so that you could have him back forever, not to be just a slave, but better than a slave, to be a dear brother. That’s

11Useless ... useful. Paul here makes a play on words with the name Onesimus, which means “useful.”
iubit. Îl iubesc foarte mult, însă tu îl vei iubi mult mai mult, nu numai ca pe un semen, ci și ca pe un frate în Domnul.

17Dacă într-adevăr mă consideri un prie-ten, primește-l ca și cum m-ai primi pe mine! 18Și dacă îi-a greșit cu ceva sau îți datorează ceva, pune totul în contul meu. 19Eu, Pavel, îți scriu cu mâna mea: îți voi da totul înapoi. Și nu mai trebuie să-ți spun că-mi datorezi chiar și viața ta. 20Da, frate, aș vrea să am și eu un câștig în Domnul de pe urma ta. Înviorează-mi deci inima în Cristos! 21Îți scriu această scrisoare cu con-vingerea că mă vei asculta. Și știu că vei face chiar mai mult decât te-am rugat.

22De asemenea, să-mi pregătești și mie o cameră, căci sper ca, datorită rugăciunilor voastre, să fiu eliberat și să mă întorc la voi.

Salutări finale

23Epaphras, cel închis cu mine pentru Cristos Isus, te salută. 24La fel te salută și cei care lucrează cu mine: Marcu, Aristarchus, Dima și Luca. 25Harul Domnului Isus Cristos să fie cu duhul vostru!

what he is to me. So surely, he will be even more so to you, both as your slave and as one who shares your faith in the Lord.

17If you accept me as your friend, then accept Onesimus back. Welcome him like you would welcome me. 18If he has done any wrong to you or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19I, Paul, am writing this in my own handwriting: I will pay back anything Onesimus owes. And I will say nothing about what you owe me for your own life.

20So, my brother, as a follower of the Lord please do this favor1 for me. It would be such a great encouragement to me as your brother in Christ. 21I write this letter knowing that you will do what I ask, and even more than I ask.

22Also, please prepare a room for me. I hope that God will answer your prayers and that I will be able to come and see you.

Final Greetings

23Epaphras is a prisoner with me for Christ Jesus. He sends you his greetings. 24Also Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke send their greet- ings. They are workers together with me. 25The grace2 of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

1 20 please do this favor Paul here makes another wordplay on the name Onesimus, using a verb related to it.

2 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
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