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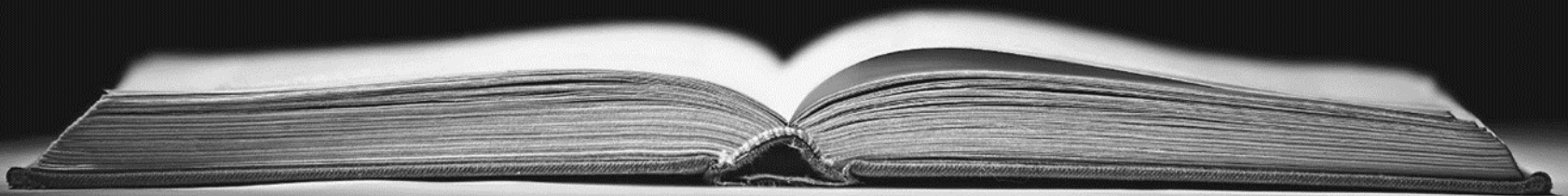
to

**RICHES**

Philemon

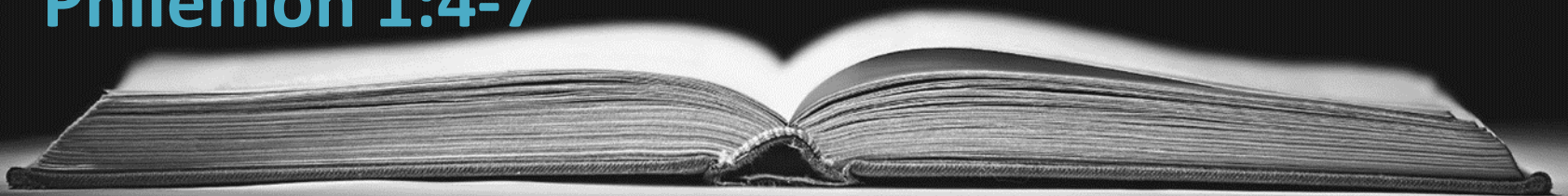
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Philemon 1:1-3**



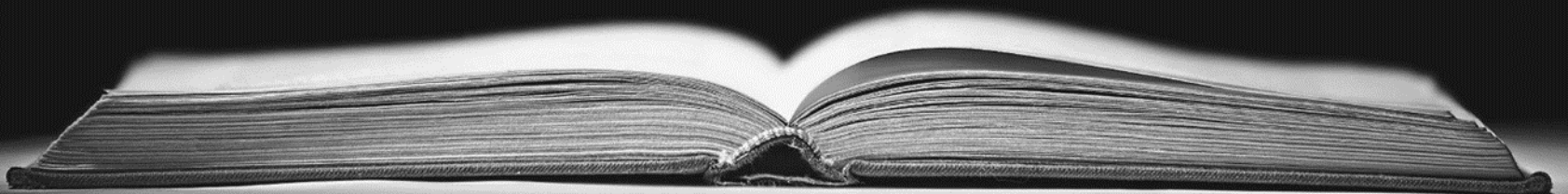
I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

**Philemon 1:4-7**



Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

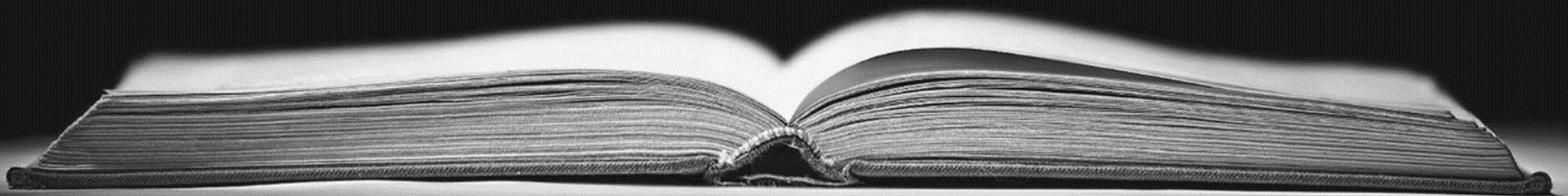
**Philemon 1:8-9**





that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,  
who became my son while I was in chains.  
Formerly he was useless to you, but now he  
has become useful both to you and to me.

**Philemon 1:10-11**



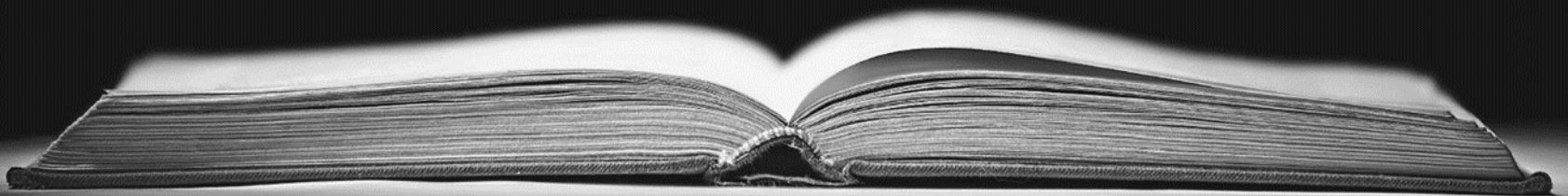


With Christ, life is meaningful

Philemon 1:11

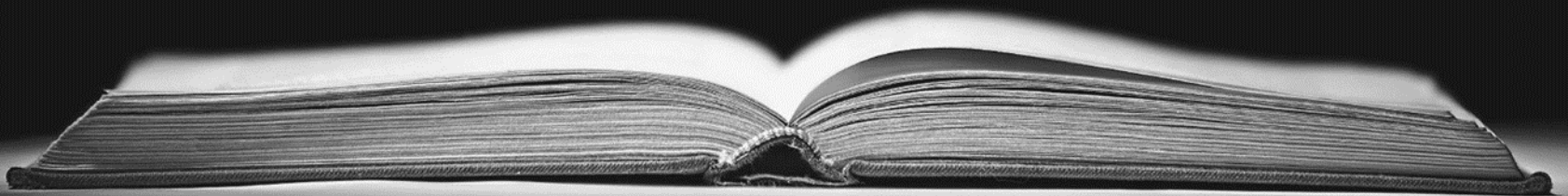
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

**Ephesians 4:32**



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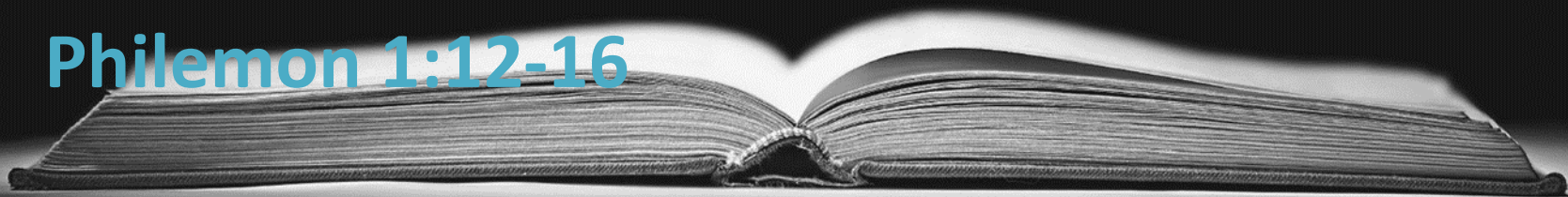
**Philemon 1:10-11**





I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

**Philemon 1:12-16**



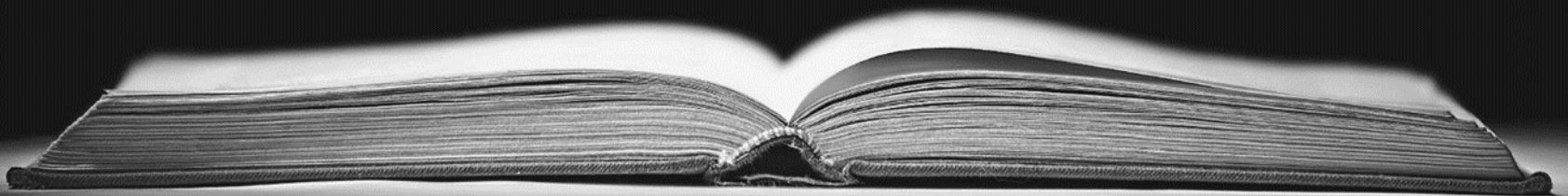


**With Christ, we are reconciled  
with our Heavenly Father**

Philemon 1:16

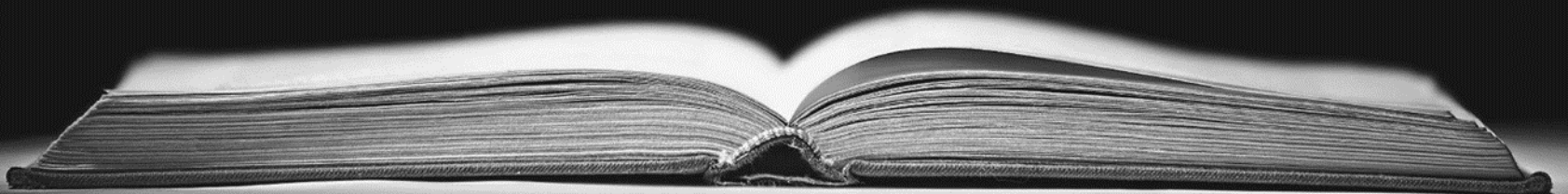
Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

**John 14:6**



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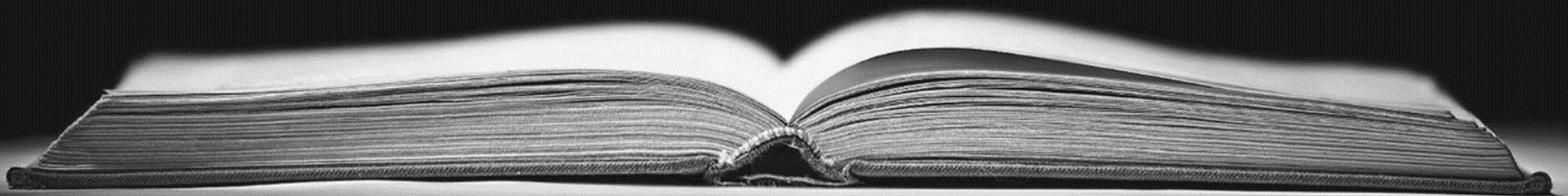
## Philemon 1:16





17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## **Philemon 1:17-21**



A person is seen from behind, holding a white cloth aloft with both hands. The cloth is billowing in the wind against a bright, cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The overall mood is one of freedom and joy.

With Christ, we are debt free

Philemon 1:18

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.

