

Philemon Resources

APPEAL FOR FORGIVENESS

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PHILEMON COMMENTARY

VERSE BY VERSE

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RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHILEMON FROM D EDMOND HIEBERT

Carson, Herbert M., "The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians and Philemon." The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. (1960).

[Drysdale, A. H.](#), "The Epistle of St. Paul to Philemon." Devotional Commentaries. London: The Religious Tract Society (1870; 1925 reprint). --

Rich in devotional value, yet a work of scholarly exposition. Full, lucid, and abounding in practical

applications.

Ernst, Karl J., *The Art of Pastoral Counselling. A Study of the Epistle to Philemon*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House (1941). --

Philemon viewed as a case in pastoral counseling. Interesting and stimulating analysis of the epistle.

Gaebelein, Frank E., *Philemon the Gospel of Emancipation*. Wheaton: Van Kampen Press (1939). --

A brief exposition based on careful study of the text, with applications to daily life.

Hendriksen, William, **BORROW** "[Exposition of Colossians and Philemon](#)." New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (1964).

Hiebert, D. Edmond, **BORROW** [Titus and Philemon](#) Everyman's Bible Commentary. Chicago: Moody Press (1968). --

An exegetical treatment of both epistles in the light of the original as the basis for an interpretation of the text.

Johnson, Philip C., **BORROW** "[The Epistles To Titus and Philemon](#)." Shield Bible Study Series. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (1966).

A concise, well-outlined interpretation intended as a study guide to these epistles.

[Kelly, William](#), *An Exposition of the Epistle of Paul to Titus and of that to Philemon, With Translation of an Amended Text*. Denver: Wilson Foundation (1968 reprint). --

A careful exposition by a voluminous Plymouth Brethren scholar of the past century.

Knox, John, and Buttrick, George A., "The Epistle to Philemon," *The Interpreter's Bible*. Vol. XI. New York: Abingdon Press (1955). -- Introduction and exegesis by Knox; exposition by Buttrick. --

Knox propounds the novel view that the real owner of Onesimus was Archippus and that the purpose of the letter was to secure the return of Onesimus to Paul for his own service.

Lenski, R. C. H., **BORROW** [The interpretation of st. paul's epistles to the colossians, to the thessalonians, to timothy, to titus and to philemon](#). Columbus, Ohio: Lutheran Book Concern (1937).

[Lightfoot, J. B.](#), *Saint Paul's Epistle to the Colossians and to Philemon*. London: Macmillan and Co. (1927 reprint).

Lohse, Eduard, **BORROW** "[Colossians and Philemon, A Commentary on the Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon](#)." *Hermeneia—A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible*. Translated by William R. Poehlmann and Robert J. Karris. Edited by Helmut Koester. Philadelphia: Fortress Press (1971).

[Maclaren, Alexander](#), "The Epistles of St. Paul to the Colossians and to Philemon," *The Expositor's Bible*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. (1943 reprint).

Martin, Ralph P., **BORROW** [Colossians and Philemon](#) New Century Bible Based on the Revised Standard Version. London: Oliphants (1974).

Müller, Jac. J., **BORROW** "[The Epistles of Paul to the Philippians and to Philemon](#)." *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. (1955). --

A concise interpretation by a conservative professor of South Africa. Seeks to maintain a balance between exact scholarship and the practical import of the letters. Technical matters are confined to the footnotes.

Moule, C. F. D., "The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians and to Philemon." *Cambridge Greek Testament Commentary*. Cambridge: University Press (1957).

[Moule, H. C. G.](#), "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians and to Philemon." *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*. Cambridge: University Press (1893; 1932 reprint).

Radford, Lewis B., **BORROW** "[The Epistle to the Colossians and the Epistle to Philemon](#)." *Westminster Commentaries*. London: Methuen & Co. (1931).

[Scroggie, W. Graham](#), *A Note to a Friend, Paul to Philemon*. London: The Hulbert Publishing Co. (n.d.). --

An in-depth study of this brief letter, based upon a detailed outline, with warm practical lessons. Richly

rewarding.

Thomas, W. H. Griffith, **BORROW** [Studies in Colossians and Philemon](#). Edited by Winifred G. T. Gillespie, his daughter. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (1973).

[Vincent, Marvin R.](#), "A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon." Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark (1897; 1950 reprint). --

Greek text. A scholarly, generally conservative interpretation with valuable introductions and word studies and exegetical comments

From Hiebert's highly recommended resource: **An Introduction to the New Testament FOLLOWING CAN BE BORROWED:**

[An introduction to the New Testament - the Gospels and Acts](#) Volume 1 by Hiebert, D. Edmond

[An introduction to the New Testament](#) Volume 2 by Hiebert, D. Edmond

[An introduction to the New Testament](#) Volume 3 - Non-Pauline Epistles and the Revelation by Hiebert, David Edmond

RESOURCES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

[Titus and Philemon](#) by Hiebert, D. Edmond

[Philippians, Colossians and Philemon](#) by MacDonald, William (1972) 160 pages

[The Preacher's outline & sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation.

[1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon : it's always too soon to quit!](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[The interpretation of st. paul's epistles to the colossians, to the thessalonians, to timothy, to titus and to philemon](#) by R.C.H. Lenski

[1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James](#) by Morris, Leon,

[Treasures of Wisdom: Studies in Colossians & Philemon](#) - Homer Kent

[Philippians, Colossians, Philemon](#) - Bruce Barton

[Galatians thru Philemon](#) - Mark Strauss

[Word biblical commentary](#) - Colossians, Philemon - Peter T O'Brien

[Thru the Bible Commentary: I and II Timothy, Titus, Philemon](#) By: [J. McGee](#)

[The Epistles of Paul to the Colossians and to Philemon : an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

[A commentary on Colossians and Philemon](#) by Hendriksen, William [a commentary on colossians & philemon](#)

[Colossians and Philemon](#) - New Century Commentary by Martin, Ralph P

[Colossians and Philemon : bible study commentary](#) By: [Vaughan, Curtis](#)

[Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon \(New International Biblical Commentary, 10\)](#) By: [Arthur G. Patzia](#)

[A Critical And Exegetical Commentary On The Epistles To The Philippians And To Philemon](#) By: [Rev. Marvin R. Vincent](#)

MORE RESOURCES ON PHILEMON

DANNY AKIN SERMONS

- [Philemon – Philemon 1:1](#)
- [We Are Family – Philemon 1-3](#)
- [How to Pray for the Family of God – Philemon 4-7](#)
- [How to Resolve Conflicts in the Family of God – Philemon 8-16](#)
- [How the Gospel Works in Real Life – Philemon 17-25](#)

HENRY ALFORD Philemon Commentary - The New Testament for English Readers

- [Introduction to Philemon](#) - similar to following but Greek words are translated into English in this version.
- [Philemon](#)
- [Philemon Commentary](#) - Greek

ALBERT BARNES Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY Commentary on Philemon - Daily Study Bible ([critique](#))

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL SERMON

- [Philemon](#) - often has pithy insights

JOHANN BENGEL Short Pithy Comments similar to following but less Greek

- [Philemon](#)
- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOSEPH BEET Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOHN BENNETT Brief Notes on Philemon

- [The Epistle to Philemon - Part 1](#)
- [The Epistle to Philemon - Part 2](#)

JOSEPH BENSON Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

BRIDGEWAY COMMENTARY Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT Commentary on Philemon - A. Lukyn Williams

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

A. Lukyn Williams (1853–1943) was ordained to the priesthood in 1877, and became principal of Moore Theological College in 1878. On Philemon, Williams also discusses its canonicity, as well as its relation to slavery.

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES Commentary on Philemon - H C G Moule

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

H. C. G. Moule (1841–1920) was the son of the vicar of Fordington, Dorchester, and was educated at home prior to attending university at Cambridge. He was ordained in 1867 and was curate at Fordington before being appointed as dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1873 to 1876. During his tenure at Cambridge he became first principal of Ridley Hall Theological College, in 1881, and Norrisian Professor of Divinity in 1899. In 1901, he succeeded B.F. Westcott as Bishop of Durham. He wrote Colossians and Philemon in a single volume - This volume is divided into two distinct sections, covering first Colossians and then Philemon. Before the verse-by-verse commentary on each epistle, facts and background information are laid out in a detailed manner. Included is an essay entitled "Slavery, and the Attitude of Christianity Towards It."

ALAN CARR Sermons on Philemon

- [Philemon 1:1-25 Questions For Modern Day Philemons](#)
- [Philemon 1:24 The Man Who Could Not Govern Himself](#)

JOHN CEREGHIN Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#) - 24 pages - has critiques of other resources on Philemon.

ADAM CLARKE Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

GEORGE CLARKE Commentary on Philemon (1906) "Designed for Pastors and Sunday Schools"

- [Philemon Introduction](#)
- [Philemon Introduction and Outline](#)
- [Philemon Commentary](#)

BRADLEY COBB Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

STEVEN COLE Sermons on Philemon

His sermons function much like a verse by verse commentary

- [The Changes of the Gospel](#) (Philemon 1:1-25)
- [Godly Relationships](#) (Philemon 1:1-25)

THOMAS CONSTABLE Expository Notes on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOHN DARBY Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

MARK DEVER Audio Sermons on Philemon Series Title: "Forgiveness"

- [Grace and Prayer – Philemon 1:1-7](#)
- [Repentance – Philemon 1:8-16](#)
- [A Friend – Philemon 1:17-25](#) - Listen to this one if you (or someone you know) is having difficult with forgiveness!

A H DRYSDALE The Epistle of St. Paul to Philemon Devotional Commentary

D Edmond Hiebert - Rich in devotional value, yet a work of scholarly exposition. Full, lucid, and abounding in practical applications.

Note that this commentary is on site.

ADDRESS AND SALUTATION

- I [Name and Title of the Writer](#) - Philemon 1:1
- II [Friendly Greetings and Compliments](#) - Philemon 1:1,2
- III [Salutation to the Church-Fellowship](#) - Philemon 1:2
- IV [A General Benediction](#) - Philemon 1:3-7

THE EXORDIUM OR PROLOGUE

Preliminary Note

- I [Devout Thanks and Prayer](#) - Philemon 1:4
- II [Reasons for the Devout Thanks](#) - Philemon 1:5
- III [Purport of the Prayer](#) - Philemon 1:6
- IV [Good Occasion for Thanks](#) - Philemon 1:7

THE BODY OF THE EPISTLE

- I [Approaching the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:8,9
- II [Paul Unveiling the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:9-12
- III [Paul Explaining the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:13,14
- IV [Paul Arguing the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:15
- V [Paul Pleading the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:16
- VI [Paul Enforcing the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:17
- VII [Paul Guarding the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:18-20
- VIII [Paul Commending the Subject](#) - Philemon 1:21,22

THE CONCLUSION

- [Parting Salutations and Benediction](#) - Philemon 1:23, 25

JOHN DUMMELOW Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY Philemon Commentary ALEXANDER MACLAREN

Warren W. Wiersbe - If you can locate the six-volume edition of the Expositor's Bible, buy it immediately! It takes up less space than the original fifty-volume set, and not everything in the original set is worth owning.

Samuel H. Kellogg on Leviticus is a classic; so is Alexander Maclaren on the Psalms and on Colossians. (A Basic Library for Bible Students)

- [Philemon 1:1-3 The Epistle to Philemon](#)
- [Philemon 1:4-7 I Thank My God Always](#)
- [Philemon 1:8-11 Wherefore, Though I Have All Boldness](#)
- [Philemon 1:12-14 Whom I Have Sent Back to Thee](#)
- [Philemon 1:15-19 For Perhaps He was Therefore Parted](#)
- [Philemon 1:20-25 Yea, Brother, Let Me Have Joy of Thee in the Lord](#)

EXPOSITOR'S GREEK TESTAMENT Philemon Commentary W E Oesterley

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN Commentary Critical and Explanatory Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary - Abridged Version](#)
- [Philemon Commentary - Unabridged Version](#)

A C GAEBELEIN Commentary on Philemon Annotated Bible

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOHN GILL Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

L M GRANT Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JAMES GRAY Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

ROBERT HAWKER Commentary on Philemon Hawker's Poor Man's Commentary

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

MATTHEW HENRY Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

F B HOLE Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

RHODERICK ICE Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

INTERVARSITY PRESS Commentary on Philemon

NOTE: Unfortunately only the general comments of each section are available. The more in depth verse by verse comments have not been archived, so that this resource is of only limited value.

- [Paul's Greetings \(Philemon 1:1-3\)](#)
- [Paul's Prayer \(Philemon 1:4-7\)](#)

- [Paul's Request \(Philemon 1:8-22\)](#)
- [Paul's Benediction \(Philemon 1:23-25\)](#)

H A IRONSIDE Commentary on Philemon

Rosscup - A good practical discussion of the book, with Ironside's usual illustrative richness. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

- [Philemon Commentary](#)
- See his famous sermon on Philemon 1:17-19 - Charge that to My Account

WILLIAM KELLY Commentary on Philemon

Hiebert - A careful exposition by a voluminous Plymouth Brethren scholar of the past century.

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

PAUL E. KRETZMANN Commentary on Philemon The Popular Commentary

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

JOHN PETER LANGE Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

J B LIGHTFOOT Commentary on Philemon

Rosscup - Many regard (his) commentary (on Colossians) as the best older work on the Greek text... As earlier stated, this work is excellent on Colossians and is also helpful on Philemon in the Greek text. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

- [Philemon Introduction](#)
- [Philemon 1:1-3 Commentary](#)
- [Philemon 1:4-7 Commentary](#)
- [Philemon 1:8-11 Commentary](#)
- [Philemon 1:12-17 Commentary](#)
- [Philemon 1:18- 25 Commentary](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR Sermons on Philemon

This series by MacArthur in 1991 is entitled "**Forgiveness: How to Restore Broken Relationships**" - It's the simple mathematics of being human. Two people plus one relationship equals inevitable pain. One unkind word, careless act, or intentional attack, and a gulf is opened that could potentially damage a relationship forever. That's where the need for real, biblical forgiveness comes in. Forgiveness can heal even the worst damage between husbands and wives, children and parents, longtime friends, and everyone in between. In *Forgiveness*, John MacArthur looks to the life of Philemon to illuminate one of Scripture's greatest examples of human forgiveness in action.

- [Philemon 1:1-3 A Living Lesson on Forgiveness](#)
- [Philemon 1:4-7 Characteristics of One Who Forgives](#)
- [Philemon 1:8-18 The Actions of One Who Forgives](#)
- [Philemon 1:19-25 The Motives of One Who Forgives](#)
- [Question and Answer - The Apostle Paul and Slavery](#)

HENRY MAHAN'S COMMENTARY Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

J VERNON MCGEE Thru the Bible on Philemon Commentary Mp3 Only

- [Philemon Introduction](#)
- [Philemon 1-3](#)
- [Philemon 4-7](#)
- [Philemon 8-16](#)
- [Philemon 17-25](#)

F B MEYER Commentary on Philemon

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

HEINRICH MEYER Commentary on Philemon Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament

- [Philemon Commentary](#)

THIRD MILLENNIUM STUDY NOTES Philemon

- [Introduction - Philemon 1:1-3](#)
- [Prisoner - Philemon 1:1](#)
- [Apphia ... Archippus - Philemon 1:2](#)
- [You sent us a letter - Philemon 1:3](#)
- [Thanksgiving in Prayer - Philemon 1:4-7](#)
- [I always thank my God - Philemon 1:4](#)
- [Love for all the saints - Philemon 1:5](#)
- [Refreshed the hearts of the saints - Philemon 1:6-7](#)
- [Request to Show Mercy for Onesimus - Philemon 1:8-21](#)
- [I could . . . order - Philemon 1:8](#)
- [I appeal to you - Philemon 1:9-10](#)
- [Useless . . . useful - Philemon 1:11](#)
- [My very heart - Philemon 1:12](#)
- [Helping me . . . your consent - Philemon 1:13](#)
- [Not forced - Philemon 1:14](#)
- [The reason - Philemon 1:15](#)
- [As a dear brother - Philemon 1:16](#)
- [Love and forgiveness - Philemon 1:17-19](#)
- [Some benefit - Philemon 1:20-22](#)
- [Benediction - Philemon 1:23-25](#)

HENRY MORRIS Commentary Notes on Philemon Defender's Study Bible

You can also **BORROW** [Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#)

- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:1](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:2](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:6](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:7](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:9](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:10](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:11](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:16](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:17](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:18](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:23](#)
- [Defender's Study Bible - Notes on Philemon 1:24](#)

H C G MOULE Commentary on Philemon

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- [Chief Persons in the Epistle](#)

- [Slavery and the Attitude of Christianity Towards It](#)
- [Argument of Philemon](#)
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- See also [The Epistle to Philemon](#) - about 40 pages of Moule's commentary notes

VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY - tool which lists comments from multiple commentaries on one verse on one page

- [Philemon 1:1](#) - click Philemon 1:2 in upper right corner to go to next verse.

"BEST" COMMENTARIES

- [Commentaries on Philemon - Best Commentaries](#)
- [Best Commentaries on Philemon - Tim Challies](#)
- [Top 5 Commentaries on Philemon - Ligonier Ministry](#)

JOHN BENNETT

- [Epistle to Philemon](#) - brief commentary

BENJAMIN W BORDIE

- [Philemon](#) 64 pages, somewhat technical

JAMES T DENNISON - article

- [Paul, Philemon, Onesimus and the New Creation in Christ Jesus](#)

HOMILIES - PHILEMON

- [Homilies from Pulpit Commentary](#)

J B HEWITT

- [Christ Our Example in Philemon](#) (see [related article](#))

WAYNE JACKSON

- [Nuggets from the Book of Philemon](#) - very brief notes

T. R. KELLEY - check out this series on forgiveness

- [Forgiveness - A Study in Philemon](#) - Excerpt from the introduction - Whether the offense is big or small, forgiveness is a process that only God can accomplish in us. Forgiveness is beyond us it is the work of God in us. Overlooking a transgression is to look beyond the transgression. As we forgive, we bring glory to God, for we are never more like God than when we forgive.

DANNY OLINGER - article

- [A Redemptive-Historical Consideration of Philemon](#)

JOHN MCRAE - article

- [Philemon, Theology of](#)

DAVID MALICK - article

- [An Argument Of The Book Of Philemon](#)
- [An Introduction To The Book Of Philemon](#)

ESV Notes

- [The Global Message of Philemon](#)

BIBLE DICTIONARIES - articles

- American Tract Society [Philemon](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- Hitchcock Bible Names [Philemon](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Philemon](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Philemon Epistle to Philemon](#)
- Hawker's Poor Man's Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- People's Dictionary of the Bible [Philemon](#)
- Watson's Theological Dictionary [Philemon](#)
- 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica [Epistle to Philemon](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Philemon](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Philemon epistle to](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Philemon](#)

JOHN MCRAE - Theology of Philemon

- [Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology](#)

DONALD CANTRELL - sermon

- [Philemon - Prisoner of Love](#)

PAUL CHAPPELL - devotionals

- [Philemon 10–12 Faith to Lead Part 2](#)
- [Philemon 18–19 Because He has First Forgiven Us](#)
- [Philemon 1:8-14 An Appeal for Forgiveness](#)
- [Philemon 16–17 Developing Faith that Works Part 1](#)

DAVID COLBURN - aid to lead a Bible study

- [Philemon - A Daily Bible Study](#)

S LEWIS JOHNSON - sermon

- [Philemon: The Epistle Liberals Love to Praise](#)

RAY STEDMAN - sermon

- [Philemon: A Brother Restored](#)

HADDON ROBINSON - youtube sermon

- [Put That on Master Charge](#)

DAVID GUZIK - modern commentary, conservative, evangelical

- [Commentary on Philemon](#)

CHRYSTOSTOM - homily

- [Commentary on Philemon - Homilies](#)

JOHNNY HUNT - sermon

- [Philemon 1 :17-25 Three Gifts](#)

ROB JACKSON - sermon

- [Philemon 1 :1-25 The Winning Team](#)

RICH CATHERS - study notes

- [Philemon 1-25](#)

RON DANIEL - study notes

- [Philemon 1-25 Koinonia: From Slavery To Brotherhood; Led By Grace](#)

RAY PRITCHARD - sermon

- [Philemon 1:1-25 New Testament Postcards: Philemon](#)

JOHN CALVIN - commentary

- [Philemon 1:1-7](#)
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EXPLORE THE BIBLE - study/teaching helps

- [Philemon 1:8-25](#)
- [Philemon 1:3-22 Be Faithful](#)

F B MEYER - devotional

- Philemon 1:12

DON FORTNER - sermons

- [Put that On My Account](#)
- [The Story Of The Runaway Slave: Philemon 1:15](#)
- [Put That On Mine Account Philemon 1:17-18](#)

OUR DAILY BREAD - devotionals

- [Philemon - Devotionals](#)

ALEXANDER MACLAREN - sermon

- [Philemon 1:19 Owing Ourselves to Christ](#)

DAVID LEGGE - sermon

- [Philemon](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD - sermon

- [Philemon 1:10-19 - Becoming a Free Man](#)

ARTHUR PEAKE - commentary

- [Philemon](#)

PETER PETT - commentary

- [Philemon](#)

EASY ENGLISH - commentary

- [Philemon - A Very Precious Letter](#)

W A CRISWELL - sermon

- [Philemon 1:16-20 What We Owe and How to Pay It](#)
- [Philemon 1:1-3 And Say to Archippus](#)
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