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For Our Sunday School…

Fully knowing an infinite God is impossible,  
but we will strive to as he is worth the effort.

May this resource help us to experience, know, and enjoy God—  
so we can make him known with our words and works.

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# Introduction

## About Our Sunday School

Our Sunday School is a Sunday school class at Stuart Heights Baptist Church in Hixson, Tennessee. We meet basically every week (dv), and we would love for you to visit.

Our purpose is to experience, know, and enjoy God—so we can make him known with our words and works. We take this seriously. It is our entire purpose, so everything we do is wrapped around this central tenet.

We focus on three basic practices:

* We study the Bible (engaging our heads with a substantive interaction with truth). This is orthodoxy, and our goal is to grow in lifelong learning.
* We pray for others (engaging our hearts with meaningful connection with believers). This is orthopathy, and our goal is to grow in lifelong connection.
* We serve others (engaging our hands with ministry training). This is orthopraxy, and our goal is to grow in lifelong service.

Our Bible study process in Our Sunday School is simple. We pray with others, hear with others, think with others, study with others, share with others, and invite others. I even wrote a small book about this process, *Toward a More Biblical Approach to Bible Study*—available online at OurSundaySchool.com and in print at Amazon.

## About This Resource

This resource contains the material used by Our Sunday School to study the first part of **The Epistle to Philemon** (**Philemon**). Additional audio and video resources associated with this book are available at OurSundaySchool.com. Additionally, this resource is part of a larger series of Our Sunday School resources—all of which are available at OurSundaySchool.com.

This tool is primarily for members of Our Sunday School and Stuart Heights Baptist Church. But if you find it outside of these, then I pray it helps you too.

Bible study can be overwhelming at first, but our Lord Jesus Christ tells us in **Mark 12:30** we are to **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength**.

To assist you in understanding how this document is laid out, a brief overview of the formatting is provided below.

**Bold black text is the Nestle-Aland 28th edition (NA28) of the Greek New Testament** (Novum Testamentum Graece, © 2012 Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft). This text serves as our primary source for Bible study.

**Bold red text is from the Christian Standard Bible**

**Bold blue text are Bible references**

The layout formatting is generally as follows (two words of **Philemon 1:1** are used as the example): the NA28, then the CSB, then the word-by-word analysis is shown in brackets for each word in the NA28. The word order for the CSB is used.

**NA28**

1 **Παῦλος δέσμιος**

**CSB**

1 **Paul, a prisoner**

**Word-by-word analysis**

**Verse number CSB text** [**NA28 text**; Strong’s #: Strong’s entry; *Strong’s transliteration*; part of speech: morphological analysis; Strong’s gloss; frequency in the NA28; frequency in **Philemon**] … repeated for each word:

**CSB**

**NA28**

Strong’s #, entry, *transliteration*

**verse number**

part of speech: morphological analysis

1 **Paul** [**Παῦλος**; G3972: Παῦλος; *Paulos*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. little 2. Paulus, the name of a Roman and of an apostle; occurs 158x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**; **1:19**]**, a prisoner** [**δέσμιος**; G1198: δέσμιος; *desmios*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. a captive (as bound); occurs 16x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**]

Strong’s gloss

frequency in the NA28 and in **Philemon**

A few things to know about the formatting above:

* This is not new content. The CSB is used for the English text, the NA28 is used for the Greek text, Strong’s Concordance is used for all the associated Strong’s entries, and source code from CrossWire.org is used for the morphological analysis (using Robinson’s Morphological Analysis Codes).
* This is a new view of existing content. After gathering and cross-checking the data, I regrouped, analyzed, and formatted the data in Excel and then pasted it into Word for additional formatting. The final output is this document.

Finally, space is left at the bottom of each page to document applications (what the point of the text is) and personalizations (what we are to do with those points).

This resource is not a commentary on **Philemon**. As such, if you get an opportunity to listen to the podcasts or view the videos associated with this series, you will hear me (primarily, but not exclusively) refer to the following commentaries. I suggest you consider purchasing and engaging with them. Each brings a different perspective and focus.

* Beale, G. K. *Colossians and Philemon*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Baker, 2019.
* Bruce, F. F. *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon, and to the Ephesians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Eerdmans, 1984.
* Garland, David. *Colossians, Philemon*. NIV Application Commentary. Zondervan, 1998.
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* Moo, Douglas J. *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon*. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Eerdmans, 2008.
* \*Pace, R. Scott and Daniel L. Akin. *Exalting Jesus in Colossians, Philemon*. Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary. B&H Publishing Group, 2021.
* \*Pao, David W. *Colossians & Philemon*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary. Zondervan, 2012.
* \*Wright, N. T. *The Epistles of Paul to the Colossians and to Philemon*. Tyndale New Testament Commentary. Eerdmans, 2007.

\* Jim’s favorites

I claim no infallibility for this resource. This resource is, as many have said before, one beggar showing other beggars where to find bread.

I hope this resource assists in enabling you to better understand this epistle. As errors are found, please let me know so I can correct them. Feel free to contact me at jim314@yahoo.com with edits, questions, or feedback.

To paraphrase a tweet from CityAlight, I pray this resource might join the many thousands of resources written throughout history to encourage the church, and when it has played its part, to make way for the next.

Grace and peace,

Jim Fleming  
Hixson, Tennessee  
October 2024

## Cheat Sheet for Greek Verbs

Summarized and adapted from Corey Keating (ntgreek.org) and Strong’s Concordance

A Greek verb can have a person, number, tense, voice, and mood.

### Person (the form of the verb, which will agree with its subject)

* First: the person speaking
* Second: the person being spoken to
* Third: the person/thing being spoken of or about

### Number (the reference of the verb, which will agree with its subject)

* Singular: referencing one
* Plural: referencing more than one

### Tense (the time and kind of action of the verb from the perspective of the speaker)

* Present: right-now continuous action
* Aorist: occurrence without regard for time (undefined action), usually in the past
* Imperfect: regular or continuous ongoing action usually in the past
* Perfect: completed action with the effects felt in the present
* Future: anticipated action
* Pluperfect: completed action with the effects no longer felt in the present
* Future perfect: uncompleted action in the present, but completed in the future

### Voice (the performer of the verb)

* Active: the subject performs the action
* Passive: the subject receives the action
* Middle: the subject performs the action in a way that affects the subject

Deponent: a verb that is middle or passive in form, but active in meaning

### Mood (the relationship to reality of the verb, from the perspective of the subject)

* Indicative: statement of fact
* Imperative: command (or entreat when the subject is God)
* Subjunctive: probability, possibility, exhortation, or self-evident
* Optative: possibility (more remotely possible than subjunctive)
* Participle: verbal adjective—the word plus “ing”
* Infinitive: verbal noun—”to” plus the word

## Cheat Sheet for Greek Nouns

Summarized and adapted from William D. Mounce’s *Basics of Biblical Greek*

A Greek noun has a number, gender, and case.

### Number (the reference of the noun)

* Singular: referencing one
* Plural: referencing more than one

### Gender (the grammatical gender of the noun)

* Masculine: masculine gender
* Feminine: feminine gender
* Neuter: neuter gender

### Case (the function the noun performs in the sentence)

* Nominative: the subject of the sentence
* Accusative: the direct object of the sentence
* Genitive: can indicate possession (i.e., ‘s or “of”)
* Dative: can indicate the ideas “to” (indirect object), “in,” and “with”
* Vocative: the case of direct address

Note that Greek nouns also have a declension, but this only affects the case, not the meaning, so it is not addressed in this resource.

Greek adjectives follow the same morphology as Greek nouns, so the cheat sheet above applies to Greek adjectives as well.

## Cheat Sheet for Greek Prepositions

Adapted from Dana and Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*, William  
D. Mounce’s *Basics of Biblical Greek*, and Mount Vernon Grace Brethren Church

A Greek preposition indicates the relationship between two words. For most prepositions, the preposition circle below visually represents their spatial relationships.

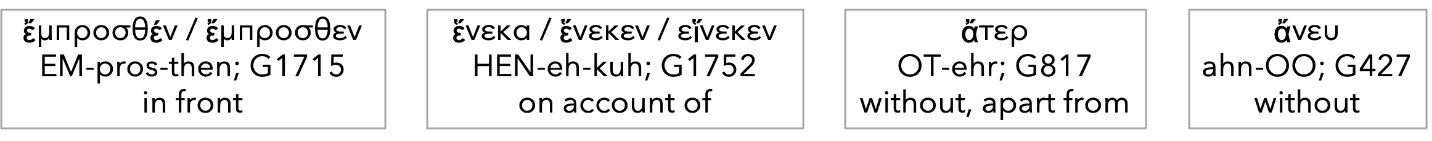
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For some prepositions, the meaning of a preposition can depend upon the case of its object. The table below summarizes those scenarios.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Preposition** | **Genitive (away from)** | **Dative (at rest)** | **Accusative (motion)** |
| διά | instead of, for | beside, in the presence of |  |
| ἐκ |  |  | on account of |
| ἕνεκα | on, over, when | on the basis of, at | toward, upon |
| κατά | against |  | according to |
| μετ |  |  | after |
| παρά | from | at/in the vicinity of |  |
| περί | concerning, about |  |  |
| πρός | the side of | by the side of, near to | the place, time, occasion, or respect |
| Ὑπὲρ | above, in behalf of |  | superior to, more than |
| ὑπό | beneath, by |  |  |

Finally, there are non-spatial prepositions:



## Greek Punctuation

Taken from page 13 of William D. Mounce’s *Basics of Biblical Greek*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Character** | **Looks like the English** | **Greek meaning** |
| θεός, | comma | comma |
| θεός. | period | period |
| θεός· | period above the line | semicolon |
| θεός; | semicolon | question mark |

## Broad Overview of Geography Relevant to Paul of Tarsus

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# Philemon 1:1–14

## Preparing for Philemon 1:1–14

### In-class practice

### Process Step #1: Pray with others

* **Our attitudes**: Fear, dependence, and expectancy
* **Our actions**: Pray for hearing, illumination, and wisdom
* **Our homework**: Pray for help with the text

### Process Step #2: Hear with others

* **Our attitudes**: Respect and deference
* **Our actions**: Read the Bible aloud and hear the Bible read aloud
* **Our homework**: Hear the text read aloud

### Process Step #3: Think with others

* **Our attitudes**: Humility, delight, and steadfastness
* **Our actions**: Think about God’s word day and night and think up
* **Our homework**: Think slowly about the text

### Process Step #4: Study with others

* **Our attitudes**: Resolve, incompleteness, and teachableness
* **Our actions**: Talk to teachers and use available resources
* **Our homework**: Study the text with all available resources

### Process Step #5: Share with others

* **Our attitudes**: Intention, lowliness, calm, and patience
* **Our actions**: Speak the truth in love and trust God
* **Our homework**: Share with love and trust

### After-class homework

### Process Step #6: Invite others

* **Our attitudes**: Urgency and obedience
* **Our actions**: Invite those inside and invite those outside
* **Our homework**: Invite everyone

## Philemon 1:1–3: Greeting

### NA28

**1 Παῦλος δέσμιος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ Τιμόθεος ὁ ἀδελφὸς Φιλήμονι τῷ ἀγαπητῷ καὶ συνεργῷ ἡμῶν 2 καὶ Ἀπφίᾳ τῇ ἀδελφῇ καὶ Ἀρχίππῳ τῷ συστρατιώτῃ ἡμῶν καὶ τῇ κατ’ οἶκόν σου ἐκκλησίᾳ, 3 χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.**

### CSB

**1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother:**

**To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, 2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets in your home.**

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

### Word-by-word analysis

1:1 **Paul** [**Παῦλος**; G3972: Παῦλος; *Paulos*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. little 2. Paulus, the name of a Roman and of an apostle; occurs 158x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**; **1:19**]**, a prisoner** [**δέσμιος**; G1198: δέσμιος; *desmios*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. a captive (as bound); occurs 16x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**] **of Christ** [**Χριστοῦ**; G5547: Χριστός; *Christos*; noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) “Christ” 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Savior 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua, Ἰησοῦς, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, יֵשׁוּעַ; occurs 525x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:6**; **1:8**; **1:9**; **1:20**; **1:23**; **1:25**] **Jesus** [**Ἰησοῦ**; G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous*; noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. Jesus (i.e., Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs 910x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:5**; **1:9**; **1:23**; **1:25**]**, and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **Timothy** [**Τιμόθεος**; G5095: Τιμόθεος; *Timotheos*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. dear to God 2. Timotheus, a Christian; occurs 24x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**] **our** [**ὁ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine nominative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **brother** [**ἀδελφὸς**; G80: ἀδελφός; *adelphos*; noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. a brother 2. (of faith) a brother in our Lord, Jesus; occurs 343x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:7**; **1:16**; **1:20**]**:**

**To Philemon** [**Φιλήμονι**; G5371: Φιλήμων; *Philemon;* noun: singular masculine dative; 1. friendly 2. Philemon, a Christian; occurs 1x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**] **our** [**ἡμῶν**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first plural genitive; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] [**τῷ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular masculine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **dear friend** [**ἀγαπητῷ**; G27: ἀγαπητός; *agapetos;* adjective: singular masculine dative; 1. beloved; occurs 61x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:16**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **coworker** [**συνεργῷ**; G4904: συνεργός; *sunergos;* adjective: singular masculine dative; 1. a co-laborer, i.e., coadjutor; occurs 13x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:24**]**,** 2[**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **to Apphia** [**Ἀπφίᾳ**; G682: Ἀπφία; *Apphia*; noun: singular feminine dative; 1. Apphia, a woman of Colossae; occurs 1x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**] **our** [**τῇ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **sister** [**ἀδελφῇ**; G79: ἀδελφή; *adelphe*; noun: singular feminine dative; 1. a sister 2. (of faith) a sister in our Lord, Jesus; occurs 26x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**]**,**[[1]](#footnote-1)[**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **to Archippus** [**Ἀρχίππῳ**; G751: Ἄρχιππος; *Archippos*; noun: singular masculine dative; 1. horse-ruler 2. Archippus, a Christian; occurs 2x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**] **our** [**ἡμῶν**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first plural genitive; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] [**τῷ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **fellow soldier** [**συστρατιώτῃ**; G4961: συστρατιώτης; *sustratiotes*; noun: singular masculine dative; 1. a co-campaigner 2. (figuratively) an associate in Christian toil; occurs 2x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**]**, and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **to the** [**τῇ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular feminine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **church** [**ἐκκλησίᾳ**; G1577: ἐκκλησία; *ekklesia;* noun: singular feminine dative; 1. (properly) a “calling out” 2. (concretely) a called-out assembly of citizens 3. (specifically, of Christ) the community of the Redeemed of Christ whether being on earth or in heaven or both; occurs 114x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**] **that meets in** [**κατ**; G2596: κατά; *kata;* preposition; 1. (prepositionally) down (in place or time); occurs 472x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**; **1:14 (2)**] **your** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su;* personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **home** [**οἶκόν**; G3624: οἶκος; *oikos;* noun: singular masculine accusative; 1. a dwelling (more or less extensive) 2. (by implication) a family (more or less related); occurs 114x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**]**.**

3 **Grace** [**χάρις**; G5485: χάρις; *charis*; noun: singular feminine nominative; 1. graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act 2. (especially) the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life 3. (also) gratitude; occurs 155x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**; **1:25**] **to you** [**ὑμῖν**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second plural dative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **peace** [**εἰρήνη**; G1515: εἰρήνη; *eirene*; noun: singular feminine nominative; 1. peace 2. (by implication) prosperity; occurs 91x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**] **from** [**ἀπὸ**; G575: ἀπό; *apo*; preposition; 1. “off,” i.e., away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation); occurs 633x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**] **God** [**θεοῦ**; G2316: θεός; *theos*; noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. a deity 2. (figuratively) a magistrate 3. (by Hebraism) very; occurs 1,311x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**; **1:4**] **our** [**ἡμῶν**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego*; personal pronoun: first plural genitive; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] **Father** [**πατρὸς**; G3962: πατήρ; *pater*; noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. a “father”; occurs 411x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **the Lord** [**κυρίου**; G2962: κύριος; *kurios;* noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. supreme in authority 2. (as noun) controller 3. (by implication) Master (as a respectful title); occurs 714x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**; **1:5**; **1:16**; **1:20**; **1:25**] **Jesus** [**Ἰησοῦ**; G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous;* noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. Jesus (i.e., Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs 910x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:5**; **1:9**; **1:23**; **1:25**] **Christ** [**Χριστοῦ**; G5547: Χριστός; *Christos;* noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) “Christ” 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Savior 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua, Ἰησοῦς, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, יֵשׁוּעַ; occurs 525x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:6**; **1:8**; **1:9**; **1:20**; **1:23**; **1:25**]**.**

## Philemon 1:4–7: Philemon’s Love and Faith

### NA28

**4 Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ μου πάντοτε μνείαν σου ποιούμενος ἐπὶ τῶν προσευχῶν μου, 5 ἀκούων σου τὴν ἀγάπην καὶ τὴν πίστιν, ἣν ἔχεις πρὸς τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ εἰς πάντας τοὺς ἁγίους, 6 ὅπως ἡ κοινωνία τῆς πίστεώς σου ἐνεργὴς γένηται ἐν ἐπιγνώσει παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ τοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν εἰς Χριστόν. 7 χαρὰν γὰρ πολλὴν ἔσχον καὶ παράκλησιν ἐπὶ τῇ ἀγάπῃ σου, ὅτι τὰ σπλάγχνα τῶν ἁγίων ἀναπέπαυται διὰ σοῦ, ἀδελφέ.**

### CSB

**4 I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ. 7 For I have great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.**

### Word-by-word analysis

4 **I always** [**πάντοτε**; G3842: πάντοτε; *pantote*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. every when, i.e., at all times; occurs 41x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**] **thank** [**Εὐχαριστῶ**; G2168: εὐχαριστέω; *eucharisteo*; verb: first singular present active indicative; 1. to be grateful 2. (actively) to express gratitude (towards) 3. (specially) to say grace at a meal; occurs 38x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**] **my** [**μου**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego*; personal pronoun: first singular genitive; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] [**τῷ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **God** [**θεῷ**; G2316: θεός; *theos*; noun: singular masculine dative; 1. a deity 2. (figuratively) a magistrate 3. (by Hebraism) very; occurs 1,311x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**; **1:4**] **when I** [**ποιούμενος**; G4160: ποιέω; *poieo*; verb: singular masculine nominative present middle participle; 1. to make or do; occurs 566x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**; **1:14**; **1:21**] **mention** [**μνείαν**; G3417: μνεία; *mneia*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. recollection 2. (by implication) recital; occurs 7x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**] **you** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **in** [**ἐπὶ**; G1909: ἐπί; *epi;* preposition; 1. (properly) meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.) 2. (genitive case) as a relation of distribution (over, upon, etc.) 3. (dative case) of rest (at, on, etc.) 4. (accusative case) of direction (towards, upon, etc.); occurs 878x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**; **1:7**] **my** [**μου**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first singular genitive; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] [**τῶν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural feminine genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **prayers** [**προσευχῶν**; G4335: προσευχή; *proseuche;* noun: plural feminine genitive; 1. prayer 2. (by implication) an oratory (chapel); occurs 36x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**; **1:22**]**,** 5 **because I hear** [**ἀκούων**; G191: ἀκούω; *akouo*; verb: singular masculine nominative present active participle; 1. to hear; occurs 429x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**] **of your** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] [**τὴν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **love** [**ἀγάπην**; G26: ἀγάπη; *agape*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. love, i.e., affection or benevolence 2. (specially, plural) a love-feast; occurs 116x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:9**] [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **for** [**εἰς**; G1519: εἰς; *eis;* preposition; 1. to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time 2. (figuratively) to or into a purpose (result, etc.); occurs 1,754x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **all** [**πάντας**; G3956: πᾶς; *pas;* adjective: plural masculine accusative; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 1,230x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **the** [**τοὺς**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural masculine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **saints** [**ἁγίους**; G40: ἅγιος; *hagios;* adjective: plural masculine accusative; 1. sacred 2. (physically) pure 3. (morally) blameless 4. (religious, ceremonially) consecrated; occurs 233x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **the** [**τὴν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **faith** [**πίστιν**; G4102: πίστις; *pistis*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. persuasion, i.e., credence 2. (morally) conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher) 3. (especially) reliance upon Christ for salvation 4. (abstractly) constancy in such profession 5. (by extension) the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself; occurs 243x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **that** [**ἣν**; G3739: ὅς; *hos*; relative pronoun: singular feminine accusative; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 1,390x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:10**; **1:12**; **1:13**; **1:21**] **you have** [**ἔχεις**; G2192: ἔχω; *echo;* verb: second singular present active indicative; 1. to hold (such as possession, ability, continuity, relation, or condition); occurs 705x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:8**; **1:17**] **in** [**πρὸς**; G4314: πρός; *pros;* preposition; 1. forward to, i.e., toward 2. (genitive case) the side of, i.e., pertaining to 3. (dative case) by the side of, i.e., near to 4. (accusative case, usually) the place, time, occasion, or respect (which is the destination of the relation, i.e., whither or for which it is predicated); occurs 687x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:13**; **1:15**] **the** [**τὸν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular masculine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **Lord** [**κύριον**; G2962: κύριος; *kurios;* noun: singular masculine accusative; 1. supreme in authority 2. (as noun) controller 3. (by implication) Master (as a respectful title); occurs 714x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:3**; **1:5**; **1:16**; **1:20**; **1:25**] **Jesus** [**Ἰησοῦν**; G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous;* noun: singular masculine accusative; 1. Jesus (i.e., Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs 910x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:5**; **1:9**; **1:23**; **1:25**]**.** 6 **I pray that** [**ὅπως**; G3704: ὅπως; *hopos*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. what(-ever) how, i.e., in the manner that (as adverb or conjunction of coincidence, intentional or actual); occurs 52x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**] **your** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] [**ἡ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine nominative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **participation** [**κοινωνία**; G2842: κοινωνία; *koinonia*; noun: singular feminine nominative; 1. partnership 2. (literally) participation 3. (social) intercourse 4. (financial) benefaction; occurs 19x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**] **in the** [**τῆς**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **faith** [**πίστεώς**; G4102: πίστις; *pistis*; noun: singular feminine genitive; 1. persuasion, i.e., credence 2. (morally) conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher) 3. (especially) reliance upon Christ for salvation 4. (abstractly) constancy in such profession 5. (by extension) the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself; occurs 243x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **may become** [**γένηται**; G1096: γίνομαι; *ginomai*; verb: third singular second aorist middle deponent subjunctive; 1. to cause to be (“gen”-erate) 2. (reflexively) to become (come into being); occurs 653x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**] **effective** [**ἐνεργὴς**; G1756: ἐνεργής; *energes*; adjective: singular feminine nominative; 1. active, operative; occurs 3x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**] **through** [**ἐν**; G1722: ἔν; *en;* preposition; 1. “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 2,726x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6 (2)**; **1:8**; **1:10**; **1:13**; **1:16 (2)**; **1:20 (2)**; **1:23**] **knowing** [**ἐπιγνώσει**; G1922: ἐπίγνωσις; *epignosis;* noun: singular feminine dative; 1. recognition 2. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement; occurs 20x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**] **every** [**παντὸς**; G3956: πᾶς; *pas;* adjective: singular neuter genitive; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 1,230x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **good thing** [**ἀγαθοῦ**; G18: ἀγαθός; *agathos;* adjective: singular neuter genitive; 1. good; occurs 101x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**; **1:14**] **that** [**τοῦ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular neuter genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **is in** [**ἐν**; G1722: ἔν; *en;* preposition; 1. “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 2,726x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6 (2)**; **1:8**; **1:10**; **1:13**; **1:16 (2)**; **1:20 (2)**; **1:23**] **us** [**ἡμῖν**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first plural dative; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**][[2]](#footnote-2) **for** [**εἰς**; G1519: εἰς; *eis;* preposition; 1. to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time 2. (figuratively) to or into a purpose (result, etc.); occurs 1,754x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:6**] **the glory of Christ** [**Χριστόν**; G5547: Χριστός; *Christos;* noun: singular masculine accusative; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) “Christ” 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Savior 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua, Ἰησοῦς, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, יֵשׁוּעַ; occurs 525x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:6**; **1:8**; **1:9**; **1:20**; **1:23**; **1:25**]**.** 7 **For** [**γὰρ**; G1063: γάρ; *gar*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. (properly) assigning a reason; occurs 1,039x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:15**; **1:22**] **I have** [**ἔσχον**; G2192: ἔχω; *echo*; verb: first singular second aorist active indicative; 1. to hold (such as possession, ability, continuity, relation, or condition); occurs 705x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:8**; **1:17**] **great** [**πολλὴν**; G4183: πολύς; *polus*; adjective: singular feminine accusative; 1. (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many, (neuter singular as adverbial) largely, (neuter plural as adverb or noun) often, mostly, largely; occurs 357x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:8**] **joy** [**χαρὰν**; G5479: χαρά; *chara*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. cheerfulness, i.e., calm delight; occurs 57x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **encouragement** [**παράκλησιν**; G3874: παράκλησις; *paraklesis*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. an imploration, entreaty (urgent request (for mercy or help)) 2. an exhortation (urgent counsel, encouragement, or caution) 3. a comfort, solace; occurs 29x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**] **from** [**ἐπὶ**; G1909: ἐπί; *epi*; preposition; 1. (properly) meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.) 2. (genitive case) as a relation of distribution (over, upon, etc.) 3. (dative case) of rest (at, on, etc.) 4. (accusative case) of direction (towards, upon, etc.); occurs 878x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**; **1:7**] **your** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su;* personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] [**τῇ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **love** [**ἀγάπῃ**; G26: ἀγάπη; *agape;* noun: singular feminine dative; 1. love, i.e., affection or benevolence 2. (specially, plural) a love-feast; occurs 116x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:9**]**, because** [**ὅτι**; G3754: ὅτι; *hoti;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. (demonstrative) that (sometimes redundant) 2. (causative) because; occurs 1,283x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:19**; **1:21**; **1:22**] **the** [**τὰ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural neuter nominative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **hearts** [**σπλάγχνα**; G4698: σπλάγχνον; *splagchnon;* noun: plural neuter nominative; 1. an intestine (plural) 2. (figuratively) pity or sympathy; occurs 11x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:12**; **1:20**] **of the** [**τῶν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural masculine genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **saints** [**ἁγίων**; G40: ἅγιος; *hagios;* adjective: plural masculine genitive; 1. sacred 2. (physically) pure 3. (morally) blameless 4. (religious, ceremonially) consecrated; occurs 233x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**] **have been refreshed** [**ἀναπέπαυται**; G373: ἀναπαύω; *anapauo;* verb: third singular perfect passive indicative; 1. (reflexively) to repose, to rest 2. (literally or figuratively) to be exempt, to remain 3. (by implication) to refresh; occurs 12x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:20**] **through** [**διὰ**; G1223: διά; *dia;* preposition; 1. through; occurs 665x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:9**; **1:15**; **1:22**] **you** [**σοῦ**; G4771: σύ; *su;* personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**]**, brother** [**ἀδελφέ**; G80: ἀδελφός; *adelphos;* noun: singular masculine vocative; 1. a brother 2. (of faith) a brother in our Lord, Jesus; occurs 343x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:7**; **1:16**; **1:20**]**.**

## Philemon 1:8–14: An Appeal for Onesimus (1/2)

### NA28

**8 Διὸ πολλὴν ἐν Χριστῷ παρρησίαν ἔχων ἐπιτάσσειν σοι τὸ ἀνῆκον 9 διὰ τὴν ἀγάπην μᾶλλον παρακαλῶ, τοιοῦτος ὢν ὡς Παῦλος πρεσβύτης νυνὶ δὲ καὶ δέσμιος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ· 10 παρακαλῶ σε περὶ τοῦ ἐμοῦ τέκνου, ὃν ἐγέννησα ἐν τοῖς δεσμοῖς, Ὀνήσιμον, 11 τόν ποτέ σοι ἄχρηστον νυνὶ δὲ καὶ σοὶ καὶ ἐμοὶ εὔχρηστον, 12 ὃν ἀνέπεμψά σοι, αὐτόν, τοῦτ’ ἔστιν τὰ ἐμὰ σπλάγχνα· 13 ὃν ἐγὼ ἐβουλόμην πρὸς ἐμαυτὸν κατέχειν, ἵνα ὑπὲρ σοῦ μοι διακονῇ ἐν τοῖς δεσμοῖς τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, 14 χωρὶς δὲ τῆς σῆς γνώμης οὐδὲν ἠθέλησα ποιῆσαι, ἵνα μὴ ὡς κατὰ ἀνάγκην τὸ ἀγαθόν σου ᾖ ἀλλὰ κατὰ ἑκούσιον.**

### CSB

**8 For this reason, although I have great boldness in Christ to command you to do what is right, 9 I appeal to you, instead, on the basis of love. I, Paul, as an elderly man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus, 10 appeal to you for my son, Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. 11 Once he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him back to you—I am sending my very own heart. 13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that in my imprisonment for the gospel he might serve me in your place. 14 But I didn’t want to do anything without your consent, so that your good deed might not be out of obligation, but of your own free will.**

### Word-by-word analysis

8 **For this reason** [**Διὸ**; G1352: διό; *dio*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. through which thing, i.e., consequently; occurs 53x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:8**]**, although I have** [**ἔχων**; G2192: ἔχω; *echo*; verb: singular masculine nominative present active participle; 1. to hold (such as possession, ability, continuity, relation, or condition); occurs 705x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:8**; **1:17**] **great** [**πολλὴν**; G4183: πολύς; *polus*; adjective: singular feminine accusative; 1. (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many, (neuter singular as adverbial) largely, (neuter plural as adverb or noun) often, mostly, largely; occurs 357x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:8**] **boldness** [**παρρησίαν**; G3954: παρῥησία; *parrhesia*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. all outspokenness, i.e., frankness, bluntness, publicity 2. (by implication) assurance; occurs 31x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:8**] **in** [**ἐν**; G1722: ἔν; *en*; preposition; 1. “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 2,726x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6 (2)**; **1:8**; **1:10**; **1:13**; **1:16 (2)**; **1:20 (2)**; **1:23**] **Christ** [**Χριστῷ**; G5547: Χριστός; *Christos*; noun: singular masculine dative; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) “Christ” 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Savior 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua, Ἰησοῦς, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, יֵשׁוּעַ; occurs 525x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:6**; **1:8**; **1:9**; **1:20**; **1:23**; **1:25**] **to command** [**ἐπιτάσσειν**; G2004: ἐπιτάσσω; *epitasso*; verb: present active infinitive; 1. to arrange upon, i.e., order; occurs 10x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:8**] **you** [**σοι**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular dative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **to** [**τὸ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular neuter accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **do what is right** [**ἀνῆκον**; G433: ἀνήκω; *aneko;* verb: singular neuter accusative present active participle; 1. to attain to 2. (figuratively) be proper; occurs 3x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:8**]**,** 9 **I appeal** [**παρακαλῶ**; G3870: παρακαλέω; *parakaleo*; verb: first singular present active indicative; 1. (properly) to call near (as to receive or give help) 2. to implore, entreat (to urgently ask (for mercy or help)) 3. to exhort (to urgently counsel, encourage or admonish) 4. to comfort; occurs 109x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:10**] **to you, instead** [**μᾶλλον**; G3123: μᾶλλον; *mallon*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. (adverbially) more (in a greater degree)) or rather; occurs 81x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:16**]**, on the basis of** [**διὰ**; G1223: διά; *dia*; preposition; 1. through; occurs 665x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:9**; **1:15**; **1:22**] [**τὴν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **love** [**ἀγάπην**; G26: ἀγάπη; *agape*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. love, i.e., affection or benevolence 2. (specially, plural) a love-feast; occurs 116x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:7**; **1:9**]**. I, Paul** [**Παῦλος**; G3972: Παῦλος; *Paulos;* noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. little 2. Paulus, the name of a Roman and of an apostle; occurs 158x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**; **1:19**]**, as** [**ὡς**; G5613: ὡς; *hos*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. which how, i.e., in that manner (very variously used, as follows); occurs 499x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:14**; **1:16**; **1:17**] **an** [**τοιοῦτος**; G5108: τοιοῦτος; *toioutos*; demonstrative pronoun: singular masculine nominative; 1. truly this, i.e., of this sort (to denote character or individuality); occurs 57x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**] [**ὢν**; G1510: εἰμί; *eimi*; verb: singular masculine nominative present active participle; 1. I exist; occurs 2,439x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:12**; **1:14**] **elderly man** [**πρεσβύτης**; G4246: πρεσβύτης; *presbutes;* noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. an old man; occurs 3x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**][[3]](#footnote-3) **and** [**δὲ**; G1161: δέ; *de;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. but, and, etc.; occurs 2,755x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:11**; **1:14**; **1:16**; **1:18**; **1:22**] **now** [**νυνὶ**; G3570: νυνί; *nuni;* adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. just now; occurs 20x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:11**] **also** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **as a prisoner** [**δέσμιος**; G1198: δέσμιος; *desmios;* noun: singular masculine nominative; 1. a captive (as bound); occurs 16x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:9**] **of Christ** [**Χριστοῦ**; G5547: Χριστός; *Christos;* noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. (literally) Anointed 2. (transliterated) “Christ” 3. (properly) the Messiah, the Anointed One of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 4. (by function) the (kinsman) Redeemer, the Savior 5. (by identity) Jesus, Yeshua, Ἰησοῦς, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, יֵשׁוּעַ; occurs 525x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:6**; **1:8**; **1:9**; **1:20**; **1:23**; **1:25**] **Jesus** [**Ἰησοῦ**; G2424: Ἰησοῦς; *Iesous;* noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. Jesus (i.e., Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites; occurs 910x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:1**; **1:3**; **1:5**; **1:9**; **1:23**; **1:25**]**,** 10 **appeal** [**παρακαλῶ**; G3870: παρακαλέω; *parakaleo*; verb: first singular present active indicative; 1. (properly) to call near (as to receive or give help) 2. to implore, entreat (to urgently ask (for mercy or help)) 3. to exhort (to urgently counsel, encourage or admonish) 4. to comfort; occurs 109x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:10**] **to you** [**σε**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular accusative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **for** [**περὶ**; G4012: περί; *peri*; preposition; 1. (properly) through (all over), i.e., around 2. (figuratively) with respect to; occurs 328x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**] **my** [**ἐμοῦ**; G1699: ἐμός; *emos*; possessive pronoun: first singular neuter genitive; 1. my; occurs 76x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**; **1:12**; **1:19**] [**τοῦ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular neuter genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **son** [**τέκνου**; G5043: τέκνον; *teknon*; noun: singular neuter genitive; 1. a child (as produced); occurs 99x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**]**, Onesimus** [**Ὀνήσιμον**; G3682: Ὀνήσιμος; *Onesimos;* noun: singular masculine accusative; 1. profitable 2. Onesimus, a Christian; occurs 2x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**]**.**[[4]](#footnote-4) **I became his** [**ὃν**; G3739: ὅς; *hos*; relative pronoun: singular masculine accusative; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 1,390x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:10**; **1:12**; **1:13**; **1:21**] **father** [**ἐγέννησα**; G1080: γεννάω; *gennao*; verb: first singular aorist active indicative; 1. (properly, of the father) to procreate 2. (by extension, of the mother) to conceive 3. (figuratively) to regenerate; occurs 96x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**] **while I was in** [**ἐν**; G1722: ἔν; *en;* preposition; 1. “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 2,726x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6 (2)**; **1:8**; **1:10**; **1:13**; **1:16 (2)**; **1:20 (2)**; **1:23**] [**τοῖς**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural masculine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **chains** [**δεσμοῖς**; G1199: δεσμόν; *desmon;* noun: plural masculine dative; 1. a band, i.e., ligament (of the body) or shackle (of a prisoner) 2. (figuratively) an impediment or disability; occurs 18x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**; **1:13**]**.** 11 **Once** [**ποτέ**; G4218: ποτέ; *pote*; disjunctive particle; 1. indefinite adverb, at some time, ever; occurs 29x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:11**] **he was** [**τόν**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine accusative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **useless** [**ἄχρηστον**; G890: ἄχρηστος; *achrestos*; adjective: singular masculine accusative; 1. inefficient 2. (by implication) detrimental; occurs 1x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:11**] **to you** [**σοι**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular dative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**]**, but** [**δὲ**; G1161: δέ; *de*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. but, and, etc.; occurs 2,755x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:11**; **1:14**; **1:16**; **1:18**; **1:22**] **now** [**νυνὶ**; G3570: νυνί; *nuni*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. just now; occurs 20x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:11**] **he is useful** [**εὔχρηστον**; G2173: εὔχρηστος; *euchrestos;* adjective: singular masculine accusative; 1. easily used, i.e., useful; occurs 3x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:11**] **both** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **to you** [**σοὶ**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular dative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **and** [**καὶ**; G2532: καί; *kai;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 8,913x in the NA28 and 18x in **Philemon**] **to me** [**ἐμοὶ**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first singular dative; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**]**.** 12 **I am sending** [**ἀνέπεμψά**; G375: ἀναπέμπω; *anapempo*; verb: first singular aorist active indicative; 1. to send back 2. (literally) to send up; occurs 5x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:12**] **him** [**ὃν**; G3739: ὅς; *hos*; relative pronoun: singular masculine accusative; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 1,390x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:10**; **1:12**; **1:13**; **1:21**] **back to you** [**σοι**; G4771: σύ; *su*; personal pronoun: second singular dative; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**]**—**[**αὐτόν**; G846: αὐτός; *autos*; personal pronoun: singular masculine accusative; 1. self; occurs 5,512x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:12**; **1:15**; **1:17**] [**τοῦτ**; G3778: οὗτος; *houtos*; demonstrative pronoun: singular neuter nominative; 1. the he (she or it), i.e., this or that (often with article repeated); occurs 1,362x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:12**; **1:15**; **1:18**] **I am** [**ἔστιν**; G1510: εἰμί; *eimi*; verb: third singular present active indicative; 1. I exist; occurs 2,439x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:12**; **1:14**] **sending my** [**ἐμὰ**; G1699: ἐμός; *emos*; possessive pronoun: first plural neuter nominative; 1. my; occurs 76x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**; **1:12**; **1:19**] **very own** [**τὰ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: plural neuter nominative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **heart** [**σπλάγχνα**; G4698: σπλάγχνον; *splagchnon;* noun: plural neuter nominative; 1. an intestine (plural) 2. (figuratively) pity or sympathy; occurs 11x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:7**; **1:12**; **1:20**]**.**[[5]](#footnote-5)[[6]](#footnote-6)13 **I** [**ἐγὼ**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego*; personal pronoun: first singular nominative; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] **wanted** [**ἐβουλόμην**; G1014: βούλομαι; *boulomai*; verb: first singular imperfect middle or passive deponent indicative; 1. to “will” or resolve 2. (reflexively) be willing; occurs 37x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**] **to keep** [**κατέχειν**; G2722: κατέχω; *katecho*; verb: present active infinitive; 1. to hold down (hold fast), in various applications; occurs 17x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**] **him** [**ὃν**; G3739: ὅς; *hos*; relative pronoun: singular masculine accusative; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 1,390x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:10**; **1:12**; **1:13**; **1:21**] **with** [**πρὸς**; G4314: πρός; *pros*; preposition; 1. forward to, i.e., toward 2. (genitive case) the side of, i.e., pertaining to 3. (dative case) by the side of, i.e., near to 4. (accusative case, usually) the place, time, occasion, or respect (which is the destination of the relation, i.e., whither or for which it is predicated); occurs 687x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:5**; **1:13**; **1:15**] **me** [**ἐμαυτὸν**; G1683: ἐμαυτοῦ; *emautou*; reflexive pronoun: first singular masculine accusative; 1. of myself; occurs 37x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**]**, so that** [**ἵνα**; G2443: ἵνα; *hina*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. in order that (denoting the purpose or the result); occurs 663x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**; **1:14**; **1:15**; **1:19**] **in** [**ἐν**; G1722: ἔν; *en;* preposition; 1. “in,” at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 2,726x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6 (2)**; **1:8**; **1:10**; **1:13**; **1:16 (2)**; **1:20 (2)**; **1:23**] **my** [**τοῖς**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: plural masculine dative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **imprisonment** [**δεσμοῖς**; G1199: δεσμόν; *desmon;* noun: plural masculine dative; 1. a band, i.e., ligament (of the body) or shackle (of a prisoner) 2. (figuratively) an impediment or disability; occurs 18x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:10**; **1:13**] **for the** [**τοῦ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular neuter genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **gospel** [**εὐαγγελίου**; G2098: εὐαγγέλιον; *euaggelion;* noun: singular neuter genitive; 1. (properly) a good message 2. (specially) the good news of redemption through Jesus (i.e., the gospel of Jesus) 3. (also called) the good news; occurs 76x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**] **he might serve** [**διακονῇ**; G1247: διακονέω; *diakoneo;* verb: third singular present active subjunctive; 1. to be an attendant, to wait upon (menially or as a host, friend) 2. (figuratively) to serve as a teacher 3. (technically) to act as a Christian steward (deacon); occurs 37x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**] **me** [**μοι**; G1473: ἐγώ; *ego;* personal pronoun: first singular dative; 1. (emphatically, of the first person) I; occurs 2,557x in the NA28 and 21x in **Philemon**] **in your** [**σοῦ**; G4771: σύ; *su;* personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] **place** [**ὑπὲρ**; G5228: ὑπέρ; *huper*; preposition; 1. “over” 2. (with the genitive case) of place, above, beyond, across, or causal, for the sake of, instead, regarding 3. (with the accusative case) superior to, more than; occurs 152x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**; **1:16**; **1:21**]**.** 14 **But** [**δὲ**; G1161: δέ; *de*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. but, and, etc.; occurs 2,755x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:11**; **1:14**; **1:16**; **1:18**; **1:22**] **I didn’t want** [**ἠθέλησα**; G2309: θέλω; *thelo*; verb: first singular aorist active indicative; 1. to determine, i.e., choose or prefer 2. (by implication) to wish, i.e., be inclined to 3. (sometimes adverbially) gladly 4. (impersonally for the future tense) to be about to 5. (by Hebraism) to delight in; occurs 208x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**] **to do** [**ποιῆσαι**; G4160: ποιέω; *poieo*; verb: aorist active infinitive; 1. to make or do; occurs 566x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:4**; **1:14**; **1:21**] **anything** [**οὐδὲν**; G3762: οὐδείς; *oudeis*; adjective: singular neuter accusative negative; 1. not even one (man, woman or thing), i.e., none, nobody, nothing; occurs 232x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**] **without** [**χωρὶς**; G5565: χωρίς; *choris*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. at a space, i.e., separately or apart from (often as preposition); occurs 41x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**] **your** [**σῆς**; G4674: σός; *sos*; possessive pronoun: second singular feminine genitive; 1. thine; occurs 27x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**] [**τῆς**; G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine genitive; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **consent** [**γνώμης**; G1106: γνώμη; *gnome*; noun: singular feminine genitive; 1. cognition 2. (subjectively) opinion 3. (objectively) resolve (counsel, consent, etc.); occurs 9x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**]**, so that** [**ἵνα**; G2443: ἵνα; *hina;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. in order that (denoting the purpose or the result); occurs 663x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:13**; **1:14**; **1:15**; **1:19**] **your** [**σου**; G4771: σύ; *su;* personal pronoun: second singular genitive; 1. thou; occurs 2,889x in the NA28 and 24x in **Philemon**] [**τὸ**; G3588: ὁ; *ho;* definite article: singular neuter nominative; 1. the; occurs 19,705x in the NA28 and 36x in **Philemon**] **good deed** [**ἀγαθόν**; G18: ἀγαθός; *agathos;* adjective: singular neuter nominative; 1. good; occurs 101x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:6**; **1:14**] **might not** [**μὴ**; G3361: μή; *me;* negative particle; 1. (adverb) not 2. (conjunction) lest 3. (interrogative) whether; occurs 1,040x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**; **1:19**] **be** [**ᾖ**; G1510: εἰμί; *eimi;* verb: third singular present active subjunctive; 1. I exist; occurs 2,439x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:12**; **1:14**] [**ὡς**; G5613: ὡς; *hos;* adverb or adverb and particle combined; 1. which how, i.e., in that manner (very variously used, as follows); occurs 499x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:9**; **1:14**; **1:16**; **1:17**] **out of** [**κατὰ**; G2596: κατά; *kata;* preposition; 1. (prepositionally) down (in place or time); occurs 472x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**; **1:14 (2)**] **obligation** [**ἀνάγκην**; G318: ἀναγκή; *anagke;* noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. constraint 2. (by implication) distress; occurs 17x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**]**, but** [**ἀλλὰ**; G235: ἀλλά; *alla;* conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. (properly) other things 2. (adverbially) contrariwise (in many relations); occurs 635x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**; **1:16**] **of** [**κατὰ**; G2596: κατά; *kata;* preposition; 1. (prepositionally) down (in place or time); occurs 472x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:2**; **1:14 (2)**] **your own free will** [**ἑκούσιον**; G1595: ἑκούσιον; *hekousion;* adjective: singular neuter accusative; 1. willingness, voluntariness; occurs 1x in the NA28; occurs in **Philemon 1:14**]**.**

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2. Other mss read *in you* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Or *an ambassador* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In Gk, *Onesimus* means “useful” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Other mss read *him back. Receive him, my own heart.* [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Lit *you—that is, my own heart* [↑](#footnote-ref-6)