

LESSON'S FROM A RUNAWAY SLAVE

Series: Living in Discernment

Reconciliation Through Forgivenes

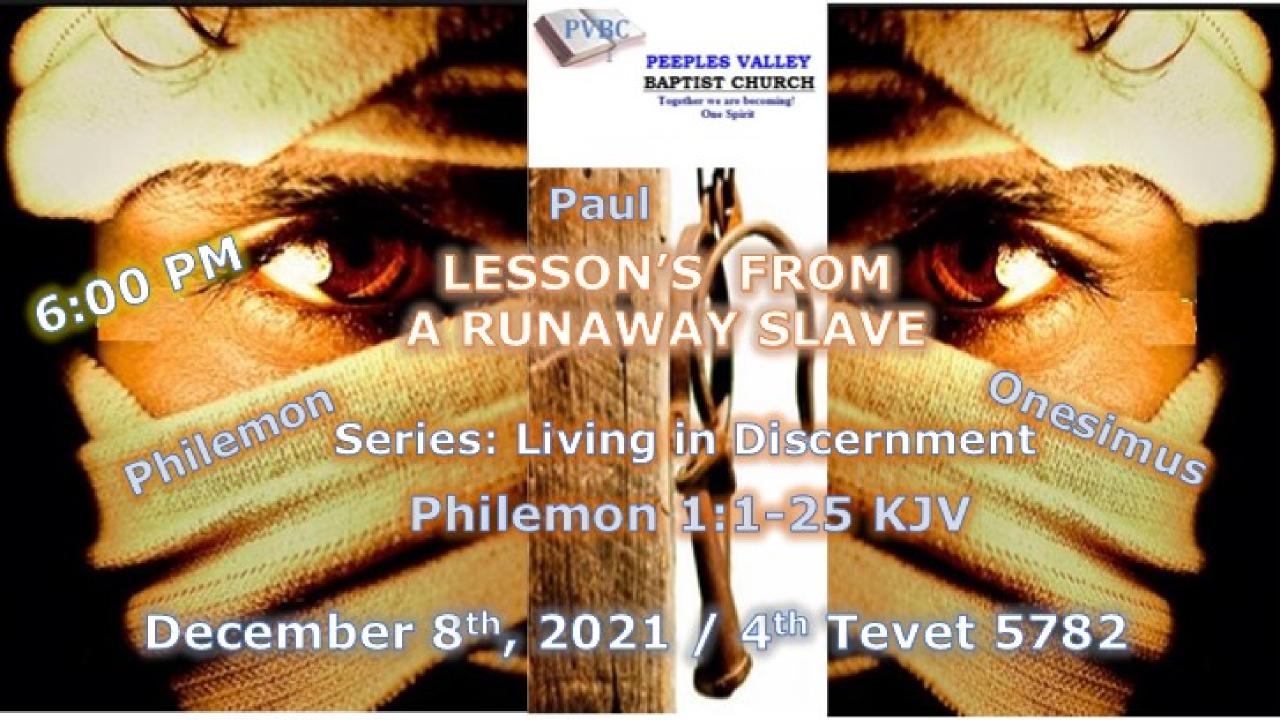


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PEEPLES VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Together we are becoming! One Spirit





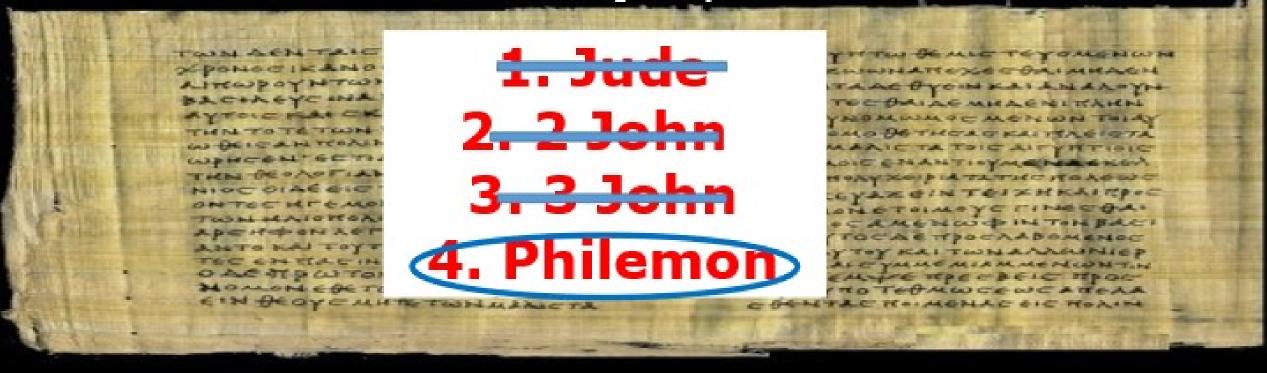


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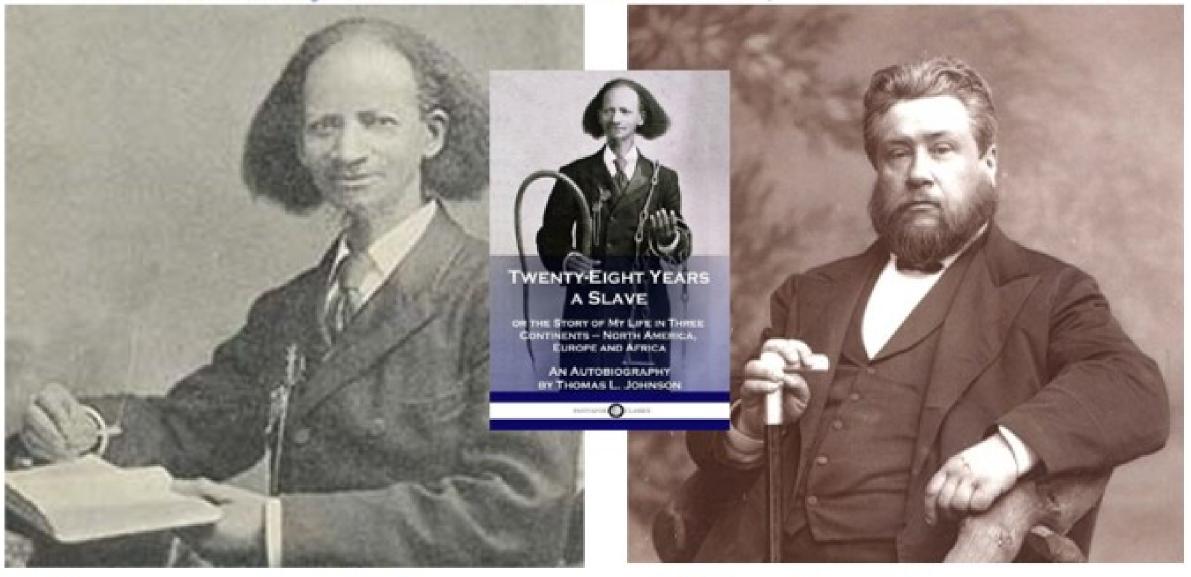
Four books that are single chapters in the Bible:





Onesimus was a slave who had become estranged from his owner, a friend of Paul's named Philemon. Philemon lived in Colossae, which is in Turkey, and Onesimus eventually ended up in Rome. Maybe he had run away, maybe he had been sent on a journey and decided to go AWOL. Either way, he ended up spending time with the Apostle Paul, and Paul led Onesimus to faith in Jesus Christ.

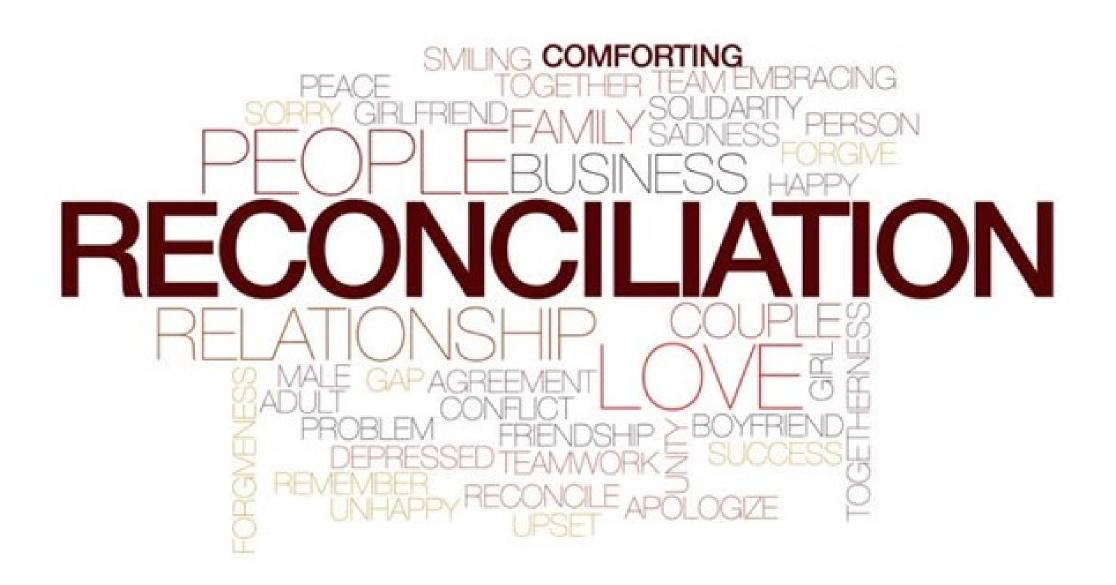
Christian Unity is not about SAMENESS; its about ONENESS



Thomas L. Johnson

Charles Spurgeon





PHILEMON

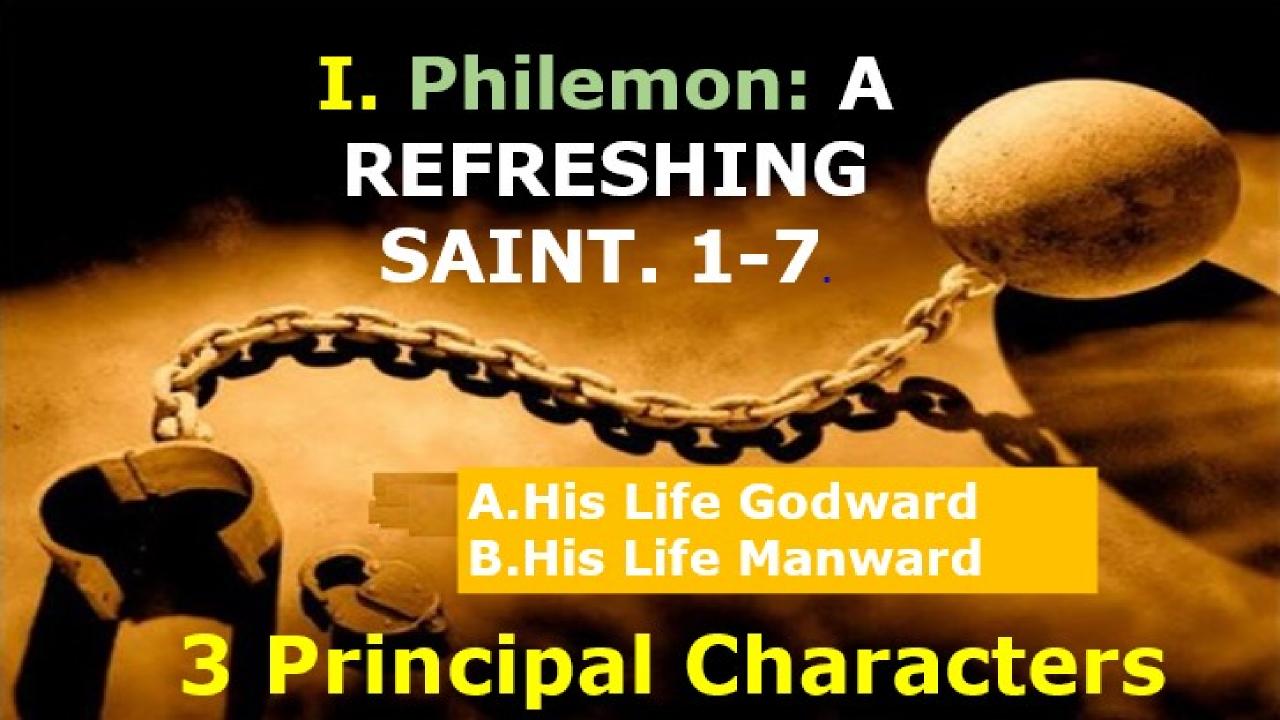
- 57TH Book of the Bible
- 1 Chapter
- 25 Verses
- 445 Words
- 1 Question
- Author Paul

The Cast of the Story

- PAUL
- ONESIMUS
- PHILEMON

The Extras

- Apphia (Wife) Aristarchus
- Archippus (son) Demas
- Timothy Lucas
- Epaphras Marcus



PHILEMON'S COMMITMENTS

- Philemon was so committed to Christ that he was counted "beloved" by Paul himself.
- Philemon was so committed to Christ that he was a laborer for Christ.

- 3. Philemon was so committed to Christ that he rooted his family in Christ.
- 4. Philemon was so committed to Christ that he opened his home to the church.

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1. Appreciation of Mediating, not Negotiating:

A. Love **v.1-3**

Philemon 1:1 KJV

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,





Philemon's service for the Lord was a family affair. vs. 1-2

Philemon 1:2 KJV

And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:





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Philemon 1:3 KJV



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



2. His basic need: the grace and peace of God (v.3).





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B. Thanksgiving v.4-5,7

Philemon 1:4 KJV

I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,





Philemon 1:5 KJV

Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;





Philemon practiced gracious hospitality. vs. 2, 5

Philemon 1:6 KJV "to share"

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the "energy" acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.





Paul said, I am praying that the sharing of your faith becomes more active, operative, and energized than ever before."

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

As your faith begins to rest in the truth of who you are in Christ, you begin to allow Him to live through you and put Christ on display in your dealings with others. You become a modern day Philemon!!

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Philemon 1:7 KJV

For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.





Philemon was a source of refreshment to others. vs. 7

