

Put That On My Account – Prayer Meeting on May 13, 2015

As we meet tonight and we turn to the book of Philemon. The book of Philemon. While you're turning there, we're gonna read this little epistle of Philemon together tonight.

Philemon's name actually means "friendly", and probably the theme of this book would be love exemplified, and the key verses is sixteen and seventeen that we'll be reading here shortly.

There are 25 verses and 430 words all inspired by God preserved forever in our King James Bible. The author is Paul, according to verse one. The Holy Spirit by inspiration through Paul,

and it was written on a 7.9 grade level where we could all understand it. Philemon was probably one of the prison epistles, cause Paul identifies himself as a prisoner of Jesus Christ,

and we'll look at all that tonight, as we see all that. There's some things about the man

Philemon, we'll look at, and then we'll look in to tonight's message. We'll see the outline of this book and everything. First off we start in verse one,

Philemon 1:1 KJV - Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

Philemon 1:2 KJV - And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

Philemon 1:3 KJV - Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:6 KJV - That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

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 1:8 KJV - Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

Philemon 1:9 KJV - Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

Philemon 1:10 KJV - I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

Philemon 1:11 KJV - Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

Philemon 1:12 KJV - Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

Philemon 1:13 KJV - Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

Philemon 1:14 KJV - But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

Philemon 1:15 KJV - For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

Philemon 1:16 KJV - Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Philemon 1:17 KJV - If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

Philemon 1:18 KJV - If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

Philemon 1:19 KJV - I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

Philemon 1:20 KJV - Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

Philemon 1:21 KJV - Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

Philemon 1:22 KJV - But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

Philemon 1:23 KJV - There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

Philemon 1:24 KJV - Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

Philemon 1:25 KJV - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

As we look tonight at Philemon, his name occurs twice in the word of God, both in verse one and verse twenty five, in the epistle which bears his name. He of course according to verse number two, allowed the church at Colosse where he was a member at to have church in his house. Back then there was no big church buildings and at the very start of the New Testament church, but they met in houses and places like that. And that's where these people was meeting at, was in Philemon's house. The one question does come up is, is how is Philemon's name not mentioned over there in Colisse? Here's why. Philemon's a picture of somebody. Somebody that don't go around seeking credit for everything they do. They don't have to have their name of the plaque over every window and every pew. They don't have to have that. All they have to have is the fact to know that they're gonna die, and God will reward them on that side of the grave. There's gonna be a lot of people when they get to the other side, that I believe are sincerely are saved people, that were taught wrong by some money-grubbing, hustling con-artist, and they're gonna get on the other side of the grave and they're gonna say, you know what? You won't get rewarded over here, cause you've already had your reward for it. Then it's gonna be funny, they're gonna say, well, I don't remember getting a reward for it, yes, it's a little brass plaque about this big. You sat beside it every week. Ain't you glad we ain't got such here with me preaching like this? Don't you, listen, I want people listening to this wish they went to a church that didn't have all that to put up with. "You sir, are in my seat. It says my name on the side of it." Ain't that nice? Good, godly Christian love there. I see that the word of God tells us about Philemon, that he was on Paul's prayer list in verse four. Now if there was a man of God like Paul around right now, and we could be on his prayer list, I'd say amen, mark us down. But you know I got to thinking about this thing, that's the way that people ought to look at our prayer lists. They ought to say, you're praying for me? You're not? Please put my name on it. We ought to be known as a people of prayer, to where people would want to have their names on our prayer list. I noticed as we look on down about Philemon, he was known for his love and faith in Christ displayed towards all the saints. He literally treated everybody the same, and loved everybody the same. And this epistle that bears his name is Paul's plea to his friend to accept a runaway slave named Onesimus, as Paul returned him back to Onesimus after his conversion. What I think had happened here is that Paul came to Colosse, he started that church, he obviously met Philemon who own a slave named Onesimus, and somewhere down the way, Onesimus got loose of him. And he decided, you know what I'm gonna do? I'm gonna head off to Rome, I'm escaping tonight, and I'm gonna go up to Rome. That's where the world is, that's where everything is. I can go up there and be anything I want

to, all roads lead to Rome. I could find me a good job there, and could get me a girlfriend there, I could raise a family there, and have all the things that we'd need right there in one place, cause everything gets sent there. And on his way into town and his hired house, he saw an old man over there who said, young fella, you, I know you. You don't know me? Yeah, you're name's Onesimus. How did you know? You're Paul. Let me talk to you, son. I can hear him trying to dodge the questions now, but then we hear Paul talk about him being converted. I could probably hear after his conversion, why are you in Rome? Well, I kinda came here, I run away from Philemon. I don't know why, I know it wasn't right, but I did it. And without Paul having to tell him, you can about hear him say, but I know I need to go back. Cause there's somebody talking to him now, that he thought was somebody else, he thought it was his own reasoning, he thought it was this. But now he knows it was the Lord telling him. You need to go back. So he says, ya know Paul, I need to go back. I want to help ya while I'm here. But I've got to go back and make things right. And we find that Paul sits down and says you know what? Here's what I'll do for ya. Because I believe in what you're doing, and the Lord saved ya, I'll write a letter to my friend Philemon, I'll send it back with you. But you gotta wait just a little bit; I've got two other letters I'm working on, or three. Let me finish them, and I'll send all of em back and you can go back with the letters. And there's Onesimus waiting around for an old man to finish some letters up. And as he finishes them up, the aged apostle it says about him, he gave all them letters and sent em back, and we don't we don't know what happened between Philemon and Onesimus other than the fact that Philemon actually did get this letter. But we do know under the inspiration of God, that Paul told Philemon, I know you'll do this and much more than what I asked. And as we get to looking at these things, along this, if you'll look at verse eighteen, he says,

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I want to preach to you tonight on Put That On My Account. As we look tonight at this message, and we see this thing, he said,

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Paul's appreciation for Philemon is shown in verses one through seven, his appeal for Onesimus after his conversion is found in verses eight through seventeen, and then Paul's assurance of payment is given in verses eighteen through twenty five. If he hath wronged thee, put that on mine account. Or if he oweth thee ought put that on mine account. He gives literally a thing that pictures Jesus Christ and the sinner, as we are in the same way Onesimus was we were lost and undone without God. And somehow or another somebody that we never planned on speaking to ever again, we get converted and the Holy Ghost says, go make things right with em. We don't know whether Philemon made things right or not, but we do know that Onesimus did. And listen dear friend, tonight, listen, as we see these things picture and type of things by way of application to Philemon, we see Paul takes the picture of Christ, when he says put that on mine account. Onesimus takes the place of that poor sinner that has nothing to pay with. That's you and I when we come to Christ. And then we find out that Philemon becomes a picture of God the Father, in the fact that He was the one owed the wrong done, and He was the one that Paul was literally reconciling the slave with the slave owner over here and bringing them back together. As we see that, Christ, we can say this, paid for our actions when it said this,

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I like how when we get saved, there are things where Christ paid for our actions and what we know we have done, that when we come to Him to be saved, somebody tells us when they're winning us to Christ, you need to repent of your sins and confess em to God Almighty. And you'll get down blubbering and crying all over yourself and you'll call out things, and call out things and say Lord that is sin and I know I've done it. Whatever those actions may be. Whether you were a drunk crawling around in your own vomit, or whether you were a dope addict trying to do everything, steal and sell things to get that next fix of dope, whether you were a whoremonger, an adulterer or a whore, or whatever you were, when God saved you out of that, hey listen, you get saved out of it and you know it was wrong while you's doing it. Because of two things, number one you heard it was wrong somewhere cause somebody preached it that way, and number two your very conscious was not defiled yet and it even bothered you while you were doing it. There's a lot of people who have never figured out that their conscious is a very powerful tool. That conscious can stop you sometimes when you're getting into the biggest messes in your life. That's why we encourage folks to memorize scripture, because that's where the deposit goes to your conscious. And your conscious by the Holy Spirit bringing it back up out of that vault you put it in, will bring it back up and you'll know not to do certain things or get away from things, or to do certain things and things like that. Christ paid for our actions. Put that on mine account. If he hath, listen, no matter what it was, if he hath wronged thee. He didn't even bother to list the things that he probably figured Onesimus had done. I know two things he was guilty of right away; he broke out of a man's house and number two he stole his possessions. Him being the possession. A thief and a burglar. I notice that Christ paid for our actions, and we see a clear picture of that. But He also paid for our acceptance, because He said,

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I took a look at that and just meditated over that and got to thinking about it and the Lord brought something to my mind. Have you ever had anybody owe you money, and them know you owed it, and you know they owed it, and they wouldn't pay it? Do you know how uncomfortable that is, to have somebody like that, to be either the payee or the payer around? And them owe you money and you just want to say, where's my money? where's my money? where's my money? Hey listen, I've got this brand new car. But you never paid me. Listen, you get around, listen, there are reasons in the Bible why you don't loan money to people unless you're a bank. I remember the Filipino missionary that used to work with Jerry Chaney, they started a mission board up there in Ohio, and that Manny, I can't remember his last name, but he answered the church phone one day, "Hello, you got wrong number, this not bank. No, no, no, no, not bank, you got wrong number." And he hung up the phone. And Doctor Chaney said who was that? "He said somebody wanting money. So I told them they got the wrong number." But there's a lot of times in which you and I will let people borrow money on good faith. They've done ruined their credit at the bank and we try to loan em money, and we think they're gonna pay us back, and they won't. And you get around them and things get uncomfortable and uneasy, but do you remember the fact the times when you've owed people money? And something legitimately come up and you didn't have the money to pay it, and I'm not talking about you had to go see the rock concert, I'm talking about you had something happen like, I just to work in carpentry for a little while and if it would rain two days a week, we's outta work four days. So you got a one day paycheck. So the next week when the bills

are due you ain't got the money to pay the bills. That's when you're running to your creditors. And you go up to them, and they're like, hey how are you? And the unnerving feeling of that thing. Or even worse, some of you that won't pay your bills now and they call your house and every time you look at the caller ID, the uncomfortable feeling you get because you owe them people money. I am talking to debtors tonight. Christ paid for our acceptance because there's difference when you go around somebody and everything has been paid versus when it hadn't been. You ever wonder why people don't go to church? You know what they say it's the hypocrites. I don't go around em. You know why they don't go? They know when they walk in the door, they owe something. They owe a debt they cannot pay, and there's no way to get around that. And when this blessed book is opened up and the things laid out there and they get to talking about that blood payment, they know they got no payment. Cause they know they lost and they can't stand to hear about it. Christ paid for our acceptance. Or oweth thee ought. That little word ought is something I grew up with. You know how many two oughts are? It's an ought. It's nothing. Nothing and nothing equals nothing. You know what he's trying to get at here with Philemon, his friend? The same picture that where God was reconciled to us by Jesus Christ. He's saying, listen, if he oweth thee ought anything all the way down to nothing, let me know. Wouldn't it be good today if somebody just came up to you and said, you know what? I owe you money, but I've got this rich relative, they are coming here this weekend to town, they're gonna pay you everything. You know what you'd do? You'd have that money spent before it got here, and then the rich relative would never show up. But Christ paid for our acceptance. He didn't say the payment's coming, He said paid in full, when He said, It is finished on Calvary. That's when the last drop of blood went out, and God's acceptance was available to everybody. Cause he said over there in Titus last week, for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men. Christ not only paid for our action, and paid for our acceptance, but he says in verse eighteen,

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Christ paid for our account. And by that, there are things we forgot we owed. If you've ever had a credit card, or a credit account with a store where, I think it's called a revolving account, you'll get things and two or three years later you're still paying your bill off, at one dollar a week or whatever they say the minimum payment is. And you look back at that bill one day and it's got a sizable amount on it, and you can't remember for the life of you, what all you bought. You've got a Visa card and maybe you used it one day down at the grocery store and you bought groceries that week. Or maybe you bought a new set of tires or something and you forgot all about them things. But that creditor sure hadn't forgot. If you were to ask for an itemized bill of that statement, they'd send you back things you even forgot you even owned. But you're paying for em, and you're gonna pay for em. Christ said,

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Father, and when we come to salvation in Jesus Christ, I'm afraid with all them things we confessed up there about Christ paying for our actions that we know of, there's a lot of things we did in our life that we don't even remember we did. I'm sure that somewhere down the road that we're gonna all be in heaven, and there's gonna be some things brought to our remembrance that maybe we don't want to remember. That's why there is tears in heaven. You'll have a good mind then. And there's a lot of people that maybe, you know, even a lost person that's forgotten things that they've done to people in their life, that when they die they'll

face every bit of it, and be looking at it, like I don't remember doing that. But you did it. Here's the offer. Christ paid for your account. You can have a zero balance that never will be added to again because He said,

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I think that really deals for a saved person there and here's why. God gave us First John in the Bible, chapter one, verse nine,

1 John 1:9 KJV - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He paid for our actions we have done, He's paid for our account of things we forgot we done, but then we've got this open charge account that after we get saved, when we do mess up, we ain't gotta be ashamed and stay at home from church, and we ain't gotta be ashamed and go down a different aisle at Wal-Mart cause we see somebody there, or anything like that. Oh no, friend, we've got acceptance in the beloved in Christ Jesus, cause He put all that on His account. And when we get saved, listen, when something happens and we just reconcile that back to that account cause it's already been paid for. And everything we put on that account is automatically gone. There may be consequences follow it, but there's not THE consequence to follow it. Everybody's worried about what sin will take you to hell. I'm gonna tell you which one it is. When you reject Jesus Christ as your Saviour, that'll put you in hell, one hundred percent sure. But as a Christian you can't lose it. You know why a lot of people say they get saved and unsaved? Two reasons. One, they've been taught wrong, and two, they want to get away with murder. Oh, I did that when I was lost. And I ain't talking about a Free-Will Baptist or Pentecostal, I'm talking about our crowd. Boy, we have people in our churches get saved four and five times, that way they can look back and not take responsibility for their own sins. No, listen, why don't you call em what they are, and ask God to forgive and get right. It's simple. See there are things that are owed that we might forget and there are things coming up that may happen, cause I'm sure that there's nobody sinless here and never will be, and we're gonna need an account to put that thing on, and He said,

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Can you imagine sticking your neck out for a guy like Onesimus? He hadn't been saved very long, and you're the one led him to the Lord, and you're trusting him to take back Colossians, and Ephesians, and this little thing right here, and probably, maybe Second Timothy, I'm not sure what all else he took back with him. But I know when he went back he had to be a trusted person to take some of that back. And if he was just sent by himself, with no letter, he'd have to be trusted to go back. Can you imagine trusting someone like him? Because, unlike slavery that people dream about and see on TV, this man probably sold himself into slavery to make a few dollars. With the intentions of one day slipping out of it. That was a common practice back then. People would sell their own selves into it. But I notice tonight, we see how Christ paid for our account, He never stops to look at that account and say, yours is too much or yours is too little, He just says paid. I'm glad, thank God, He come along one day and saw your account and said, you know what, I'll pay for it. I'm glad when they poured out the sin of the world on Him at the cross, He said, I'll pay for it, go ahead and put it here. Put it right here. People often wonder, well why did the world go dark during that time? It's cause God turned His back on His Son while the sin of the world was poured out on Him. Why was that? Because sin, listen, where He had had that sin poured on Him, God didn't want nobody to

see that. That's how vile and disgusting our sin is to God. It was so bad He didn't want anybody else to look at it either. I see Him paying for all that. But again, we get back to something I brought up a while ago. We don't know what Philemon's response was. Did he take back the runaway slave? Let me ask you this, would you have taken him back? After all he's a burglar and a thief out of your own house. He stole things from you. He wronged you. All I know is this, I don't have any record of what Philemon did, but over in Matthew, chapter six, I see this, forgive and ye shall be forgiven. And all I know is, is if Philemon wanted to live in peace and walk with the Lord, and walk in godliness, and walk in the light, he had to forgive somebody that was coming to him and asking. But if he never forgave him, Onesimus could walk in peace, cause he was going to ask him for it, whether he said it or not. There's some people you and I will never run into again, we just need to forgive them and go on, and say, you know what, I'm not going let some actions of some reprobate drag me down as a Christian, I'm gonna walk with Jesus and keep on going with Him, whether I ever see forgiveness from them or not.

There was an old man that used to talk about me; he was a preacher in this town. He said when we pulled this church out of the convention that I stole this church from the Southern Baptist Convention. Same guy told me that Southern Baptist Churches were all autonomous of each other. That means independent. So when I ran into him at a funeral one day, I asked him, I just went right up to him and said, do you got a problem with me? I said I've had ten people come to me and tell me that you've called me a liar and a thief. No, don't start talking in tongues, we Baptist. I said do you have a problem with me? And he said, no, I don't. I said would you please quit talking about me then? We're brothers, right? I said you're the one who keeps telling everybody we're independent. I said I'm the only one done something about it. We're not sending no more money to Budweiser, we're not sending no more money to reprobates who go out here on so-called mission trips that go out and get each other pregnant. We cut all that out. And the guy said something he said I won't say nothing else. See a lot of people are confused about this thing. Just because you talk about me doesn't mean I don't love you. I forgive you. Cause I learned something. There's somebody I used to talk about all the time. His name's God. Say when did you talk about Him? Every time I used His name wrong. I come to Him one day. Christ reconciled me to Him. Said put that on my account. How dare I hold somebody in contempt, hold a grudge, and unforgiveness over somebody when God Almighty let His Son Jesus die for me and shed that blood that I'd have an account so if I messed up after I was saved, I'd have somebody to go to and get forgiveness with. Let's stand with every head bowed and every eye closed. Father, we love you, Lord we thank you God for the time to be in the house of God tonight. Lord as we read those words, put that on mine account. Lord I'm just humbled tonight just thinking about how your Son Jesus took everything I did and everything I was gonna do, and took it on Him on the cross. And Lord the times I'd think I'd wanna hold a grudge against somebody, God forgive me. I pray Lord God tonight You'd help us Lord God. Help us to be willing to forgive and to be forgiven. And Lord for the Onesimus' in our life that'll come back one day, help us to forgive them when they come back. God help us take that ministry of reconciliation that Paul talked about and proved over here and exemplified in the fact that he sent that man back with that letter asking his friend to forgive that man. Lord pray God tonight that You'll just do that according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus, cause that's how all the bills get paid. And I pray tonight God that You'll move

and do a great work and help us. We ask in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen. With every head bowed and every eye closed.