

# PHILEMON – LESSON ONE

## I. SALUTATIONS AND THE CHARACTER OF PHILEMON (v. 1-7).

### A. *Salutations*

1. Greetings of God's favor and peace.
2. From Paul – a prisoner
3. Timothy, a brother in Christ is with Paul.
4. To Philemon – a beloved fellow-worker.
  - a. Also Apphia – sister in Christ
  - b. Also Archippus – fellow-soldier.
  - c. Also the church – meeting in house.

### B. *Character of Philemon*

1. Paul thankful in his prayers for Philemon's love and faith.
  - a. Love and faith expressed in serving the Lord and the saints.
2. The sharing of love and faith will be effectual unto truly knowing the Lord.
3. Paul has much joy and comfort in Philemon for his love has refreshed the hearts of the saints.
4. A true brother in the Lord.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What is Paul's description of himself?  
How does such description set the tone for the Letter?
2. Who was with Paul at this time?
3. What do we know about *Apphia* and *Archippus*?
4. What *two qualities* did Philemon possess?
5. How would Paul know that Philemon had such qualities?
6. What is effectual in leading us to a true knowledge of Christ?
7. What did the saints enjoy through Philemon living as a Christian?