

**Series "Route 66"**  
**"Philemon"**  
**Book-57**

The Author – Philemon 1:1

When Written – Probably written in late 61 AD, or early 62 AD.

Where it was written –

Carried By: Tychicus - Colossians 4:7-9

Written To – Philemon 1:1

Background -

Purpose –

1. To plead with Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother, not a slave (1:16)
2. To promise to repay anything owed by Onesimus (1:19)
3. To request Philemon to prepare a place for him to lodge (1:22)

Theme – "Equality" or "Christian Forgiveness"

Key Words – Brother – 4 times, Beloved – 3 times

Key Passage – Philemon 1:18

**Outline –**

1. 1-7 A Prisoner Thanks God:
2. 8-17 A Prisoner Appeals:
3. 18-25 A Prisoner Guarantees A Debt:

**1. 1-7 A Prisoner Thanks God:**

1-3 The Prologue:

Philemon - means "affectionate, one who is kind"

Matthew 9:37-38

Colossians 4:17

And to the church in your house: Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15

4-7 The Praise:

Romans 5:5

Fellowship – “association, community, communion, joint participation”

Refreshed “to cause or permit one to cease from any movement or labor in order to recover and collect his strength”

### **8-17 A Prisoner Appeals:**

1. Verse - 8 Paul Appeals From Philemon’s Reputation:
2. Verse - 9 Paul Appeals For in Christian love: yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—
3. Verse - 10 Paul Appeals Because of The Conversion of Onesimus: I appeal to you for my child, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment,
  - Onesimus - "profitable or useful"
4. Verses - 11-14 Paul Appeals Because Onesimus Was Valuable to Paul in his Ministry:
5. Verses - 15-16 Paul Appeals From the Providence of God:
  - Providence – “God is the power sustaining and guiding human destiny”

### **18-25 A Prisoner Guarantees A Debt:**

18-19 The Promise:

20-21 The Presumption:

1. Confession –
2. Repentance -

3. Commitment –

Jeremiah 31:34

Ephesians 4:30-32

22 The Plan:

23-25 The Partners:

As do Mark - John Mark Acts 15:36-41; Acts 13:13

Aristarchus - Acts 19:29 27:2

Demas - Colossians 4:14

2 Timothy 4:10

**Application:**

Matthew 18:21-35