

FORGIVENESS | RIPPLES OF THE GOSPEL
PHILEMON 17-25

Paul desired to see Onesimus received by Philemon. He longed to see forgiveness and reconciliation between these two men. He was with Onesimus, likely led him to Christ, and witnessed his change of heart and his desire for reconciliation with Philemon. Now he entreated Philemon to be obedient to the ripple effect of the Gospel. He wanted him to obey what he wrote to the Romans when he said, as much as it is possible be at peace with everyone (12:18). As a representative of Christ, Paul was able to make certain demands, backed by own personal investment. What did Paul request of Philemon and what can we learn from our passage?

1. Paul commanded that Philemon _____ Onesimus, and he was willing to stand with him. (17)

2. Paul commanded that Philemon would _____ Paul for Onesimus' debt and reminded Philemon of his role in helping him pay his debt. (18-19)

3. Paul commanded Philemon to _____ his heart by being obedient to God and doing over and above what was required of him. (20-21)

4. Paul commanded Philemon to _____ a _____ for him so that he hopefully could visit him and serve him. (22)

5. Paul's final greetings tells the backstory of _____ in reconciliation and the _____ _____ for reconciliation. (23-25)