

Philemon

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A. Authorship – No one has seriously **questioned** Pauline authorship.

B. Theme: the transforming power of **Christ**.

C. Setting: The most **private** of Paul's NT letters, intended primarily for Philemon, though the house church also read it. Paul asked for mercy for the runaway slave **Onesimus** by his master Philemon.

1. Philemon probably lived in **Colossae**.

2. Onesimus met Paul (Rome?) & converted to Christianity.

3. Philemon probably was a **convert** from Paul's Ephesian ministry (v. 19).