

"Onesimus" Philemon

1. Who wrote this letter (v.1)?

To whom was it written (v.1)?

From where was it written (vv.9, 13, & 23)?

2. Why does Paul always thank God and make mention of the recipients of this letter in his prayers (v. 5)?
3. Who is Paul making an appeal for in this letter (verse 10)?

This man's name means "useful". How does Paul speak of Onesimus' usefulness in verses 11-13?

Why would this man have been previously considered an "outsider"?

4. Onesimus was a slave of Philemon who had apparently stolen from his master and then run away (which was punishable by death under Roman law). Onesimus then meets Paul and comes to faith in Christ. Onesimus is now willing to return to his master, Philemon.

How does Paul address Philemon (v.1)?

How does he describe Onesimus (v.12)?

5. How does Paul desire Onesimus to now be viewed in light of his conversion to Christ (v.16)?

What does Paul urge Philemon to do in regards to this former "outsider" (vv.17-18)?

6. How does the story of Onesimus call to mind what Christ has done for outsiders like us (Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Galatians 3:13)?