

2 to obey in every good work; to speak
 evil of no man; not to vituperate, but
 to be peaceable, well behaved; show-
 3 ing courtesy to all men. For we
 ourselves also were once thoughtless,
 disobedient, unsettled, slaving for lusts
 and various pleasures, passing our lives
 4 in vice and depravity, hateful and
 hating each other. But when the
 kindness and philanthropy of God our
 5 Saviour appeared—not as the result
 of what we had accomplished in works
 of righteousness, but as the effect of
 His own mercy—He saved us, by a
 laver of regeneration and restoration
 6 of a spirit of holiness, which He richly
 poured out upon us through our
 7 Saviour Jesus Christ; so that being
 made righteous by that gift we might
 become by hope inheritors of eternal
 life.

8 This matter is true; and I desire you
 to constantly insist upon these things,
 so that the believers in God may stand
 forth as being anxious for a noble life—
 that is noble and profitable to men.

But prohibit foolish discussions, and 9
 genealogies, and quarrels, and legal
 contentions; for they are profitless and
 vain. Depose a pretentious man after 10
 advising him once or twice; perceiving 11
 that such men dodge and sin although
 self-convicted.

When I send Artemas to you, or 12
 Tychicus, make haste to come to me
 in Nicopolis; for I have decided to
 winter there.

Provide at once for Zenas the lawyer, 13
 and Apollos, so that nothing may be
 wanting to them; and, further, let our 14
 people learn to advance in noble
 habits, so that they may not be indif-
 ferent towards those who are in want.

All my companions send regards to 15
 you.

Regards to all who love us in faith.
 May blessing be with you all!

*(The Epistle to Titus, the first appointed
 overseer of Crete, was written from Nico-
 polis of Macedonia, about the year 67
 A.D.)*

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO PHILEMON.

1 **PAUL**, a prisoner for Christ Jesus,
 and the brother Timothy, to our
 friend and fellow-worker Phile-
 mon, and to the dear Apphia, and
 to our fellow-soldier Archippus,
 2 and to the congregation in your
 house: Blessing and peace to you
 3 from our Father God, and Lord
 Jesus Christ.

4 When I give thanks to my God, I
 always make mention of you in my
 5 prayers; for I hear of your love, and
 the faith which you have to the Lord
 6 Jesus and to all the holy, so that your
 energetic unity in the Faith may ad-
 vance into a recognition of every benefit
 7 there is for us in Christ. For I had
 pleasure and consolation from your
 friendship; and, brother, the feelings
 of the holy are comforted by you.

8 Although I might have complete
 freedom in Christ to demand an un-
 9 usual thing of you, I would rather
 beg it for love—I am your old Paul,
 now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

I beg of you for my son Onesimus, 10
 whom I have begotten in my captivity
 —he who was once useless to you, 11
 but now useful both to you and me—
 whom I have sent back. And now 12
 receive him, for he is my darling;
 whom I would like to have retained 13
 with me, so that instead of you, he
 might serve me in the bondage of the
 gospel. But without your consent I 14
 wished to do nothing; so that your
 benevolence might not be from
 necessity, but out of free will.
 Perhaps, for this reason indeed, he 15
 was removed from you for a short
 time, so that you might have him
 back for ever; no longer as a slave, 16
 but more than a slave, a dear brother—
 especially so to me—but how much
 more to you, both in body and in the
 Lord! If, therefore, you have any 17
 sympathy with me, receive him as
 myself.

But if he has wronged or owes you 18
 anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, 19

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