

RUNNING INTO THE FIRESTORM: Philemon 1:8–16

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Introduction

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Requesting, not Requiring (1:8-10)

Does Paul call himself a *presbeutēs* (ambassador) or a *presbutēs* (old man)?

What changed for Paul?

Onesimus

What were the circumstances behind Onesimus becoming a slave?

The vast majority of slaves were people who were _____

A small percentage were _____

Col ____:____ says that Onesimus was _____

Philemon ____ says _____

BTW: What kind of slave might Paul have seen himself?

Whose “rights” would Roman courts uphold?

Profitable, no longer Unprofitable (1:11)

Returning to Be Received, but Wanting to Keep Him (1:12-13)

Why did Paul wish to keep Onesimus?

Voluntary, not Compulsory (1:14)

Twice a Brother, No Longer a Slave (1:15-16)

The Two-Part Teaser

How does Philemon 19 relate to the rest of the book?

What does Philemon 21 Mean? What did Paul ask? What more might Philemon do?

Conclusion