

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Philemon**

¹ From Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother; To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker,

² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets in your house.

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God, making mention of you in my prayers,

⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints, and your faith which you have for the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing we have in Christ.

⁷ For I had great joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

⁸ So, even though I have all confidence in Christ to order you to do what you ought to,

⁹ yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you, I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, who has become my son while I was imprisoned.

¹¹ He was once useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

¹² I have sent him back to you--he who is my very heart.

¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, that in your place he might minister to me while I am imprisoned for the gospel.

¹⁴ But I do not want to do anything without your consent; that your goodness should not be out of compulsion, but from your own free will.

¹⁵ For perhaps it was because of that he was separated from you for a while, that you should have him back for ever,

¹⁶ no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, as a beloved brother. So he is, especially to me, and even much more now to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ If you regard me as a partner, receive him as you would me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge it to my account.

¹⁹ I, Paul write this with my own hand, I will repay it. I could say to you that you owe me your very self.

²⁰ Yes, brother, please do me this favor in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ I am confident in your obedience. I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I ask.

²² One more thing, prepare a place for me to stay, for I hope that through your prayers, I will return to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you.

²⁴ So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.