



Philemon

Background

- The Apostle Paul wrote this personal letter while under house arrest in Rome (1). It is a twin epistle to Colossians (4:7-9). It is likely that the letter to the Ephesian church was also carried by Tychicus and delivered around the same time (Eph. 6:21-22).
- Paul wrote this letter to Philemon, a wealthy convert (19) who hosted the church at Colossae in his home (2).
- Paul wrote to encourage Philemon and passionately plead for his reconciliation with Onesimus, his former slave.

Roadmap

1. Introduction (1-3)
2. _____ (4-7)
3. _____ (8-19)
4. _____ (20-25)

Landmark

The book of Philemon is good news for _____. Paul's plea for forgiveness and reconciliation on behalf of Onesimus mirrors Christ's mediatorial work on our behalf.

Must See

Jesus is the Mediator between God and man who pleads and pays for our reconciliation.

Takeaways

- We can enjoy a _____ relationship with God.
 - We are all runaways.
 - Our guilt is great and our penalty is severe.
 - Jesus is willing to appeal to God for us.
 - At the cross, He said, "Receive Him as myself" and, "Put that on my account."
- We must _____ reconciliation to others. People that believe the gospel must become like the gospel.