Interesting Facts About Philemon

AUTHOR: Paul
TIME WRITTEN: About A.D. 60 or 61 from Rome
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
• 57th Book in the Bible
• 18th Book in the New Testament
• 13th of 21 Epistle Books
  (Romans - Jude)
• 7th of Paul’s 13 books
• 9 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 1
VERSES: 25
WORDS: 445

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PHILEMON:
- The Book of Philemon:
  • Is one of the four prison epistles of Paul.
    - Ephesians
    - Philippians
    - Colossians
    - Philemon
  • Is Paul’s only one chapter book.
  • Is Paul’s shortest book. (334 words in Greek, and 445 in the KJV)
  • Is one of Paul’s four books addressed to individuals.
    - 1 Timothy
    - Titus
    - 2 Timothy
    - Philemon
- Philemon was:
  • A resident of Colosse. 1-2
  • One of Paul’s converts to Christ. 19
  • Had a house large enough for the church to meet in. 2
  • A benevolent man. 5-7
  • Father of Archipus. 2
  • Was the owner of the slave, Onesimus.
- According to Roman law, a runaway slave could be severely punished, and even put to death.
- Concerning Onesimus:
  • He was a slave who had runaway from his master.
  • It is possible that he had stolen money from Philemon.
  • He fled to Rome.
  • He was converted to Christ by Paul.
- Paul writes the letter to Philemon and asks him to take Philemon back as a beloved brother.
- The letter was delivered to Philemon by:
  • Tychicus
  • Philemon