

[Philemon:] 3/17/2017: Brian MacFarlane:

① Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow labourer, ② And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house: ③ Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ④ I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, ⑤ Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; ⑥ That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you Christ Jesus. ⑦ For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother. ⑧ Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient, ⑨ Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such as an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. ⑩ I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: ⑪ Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: ⑫ Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels: ⑬ Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: ⑭ But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. ⑮ For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldst receive him for ever; ⑯ Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved,

specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the
flesh, and in the Lord? (17) If thou count me therefore a
partner, receive him as myself. (18) If he hath wrong thee,
or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account; (19) I Paul
have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it albeit
I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own
self besides. (20) Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the
Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord. (21) Having confidence
in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt
also do more than I say. (22) But withal prepare me
also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I
shall be given unto you. (23) There salute thee Epaphras,
my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus; (24) Demas, Lucas, my ~~fellow prisoners~~ fellow labourers. (25) The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.