

# The Letter of Paul to Philemon

The epistle to Philemon is one of three letters that Paul wrote to the regions of Asia and Phrygia during his first Roman imprisonment.

## *Prescript*, 1-3

(Author, recipients, greeting)

### A. **Opening thanksgiving**, 4-7

(*Exordium*)

### B. **Body middle**, 8-20

(Note the inclusio in vv. 7 and 20; τὰ σπλάγχνα, ἀναπέπαυται/ἀνάπαυσόν, ἀδελφέ)

#### 1. Prelude to the appeal, 8-16

(*Probatio*)

##### a. Manner, 8-9

(παρακαλῶ as main verb)

##### b. Subject, 10-11

(παρακαλῶ as main verb)

##### c. Circumstances, 12-16

###### 1) Natural, 12-14

(... ὃν ἀνέπεμψά σοι ...)

###### 2) Divine, 15-16

(τάχα γὰρ διὰ τοῦτο ἐχωρίσθη ..., the divine passive)

#### 2. Specifics of the appeal, 17-20

(*Peroratio*)

### C. **Epilogue**, 21

(Concluding statement)

## *Postscript*, 22-25

(Travelogue, greetings, and benediction)