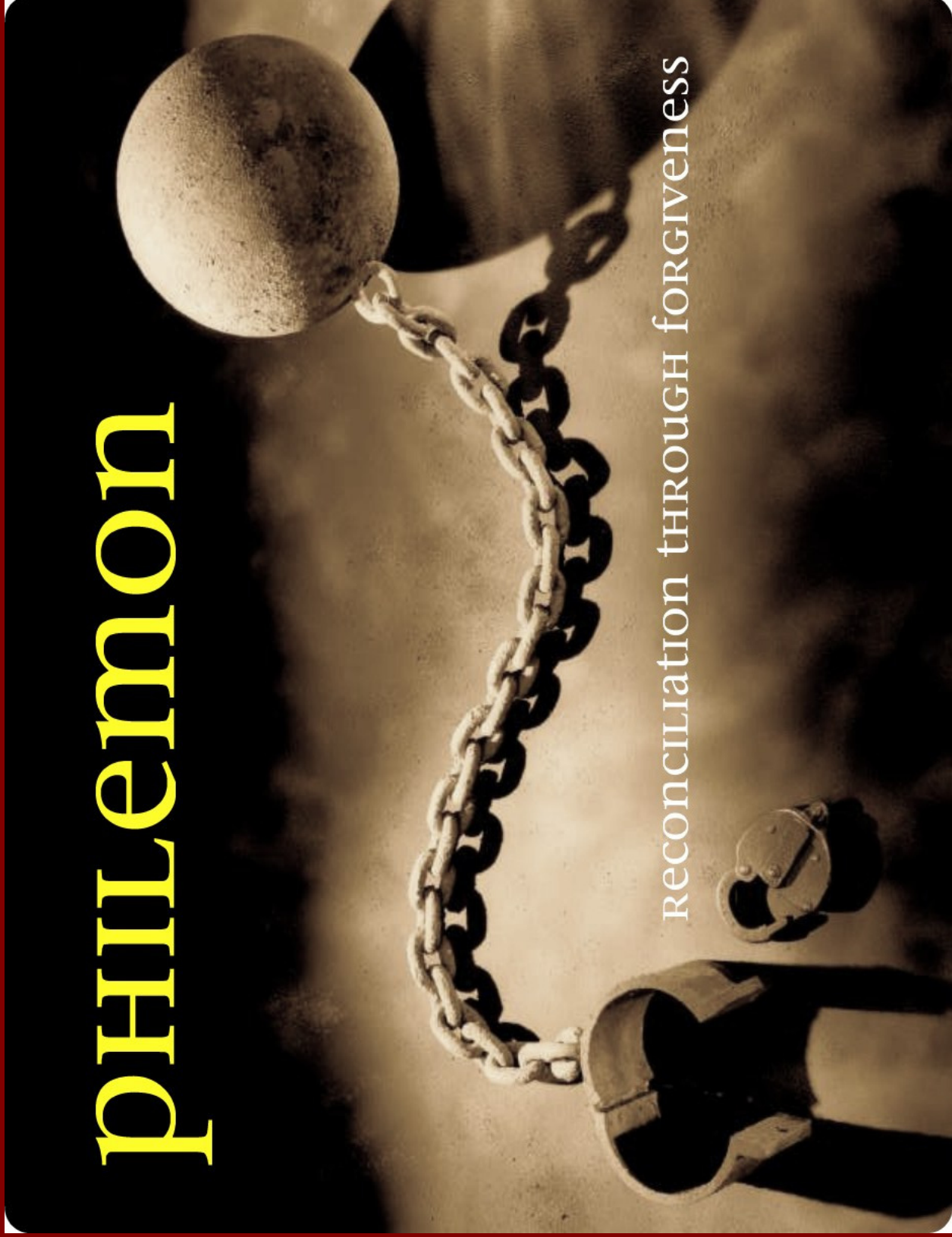


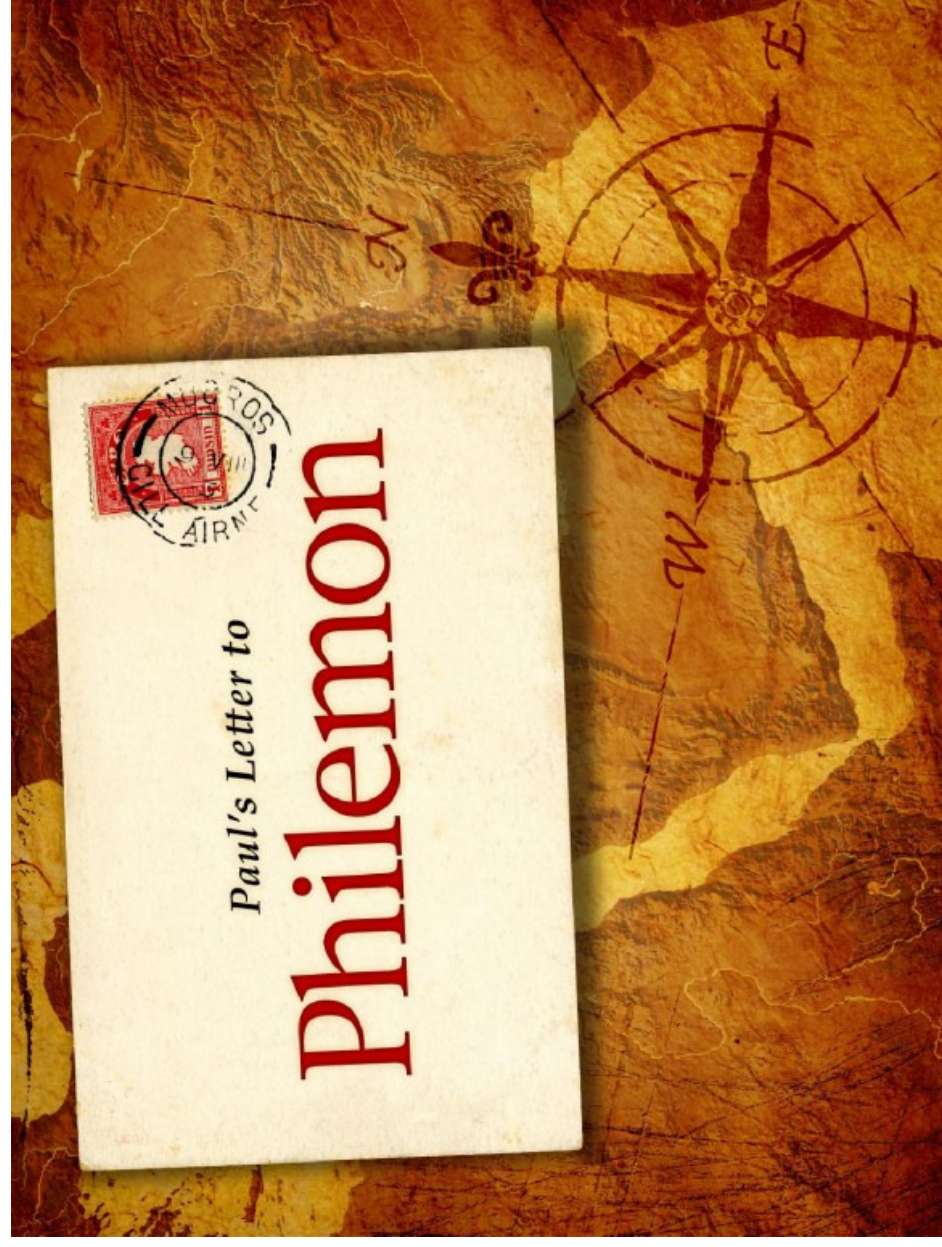
# PHILEMON

RECONCILIATION THROUGH FORGIVENESS



# Why Study Philemon?

## *Why is this letter Scripture?*



# #1 – Why Study Philemon?

## Why is this letter Scripture?

**Because of its important Gospel themes.**

- 1. Redemption – lost people matter to God***
- 2. Repentance – true repentance***
- 3. Regeneration – being transformed***
- 4. Reconciliation – restoring peace***
- 5. Restitution – making wrongs right***
- 6. Real Christianity – love one another***

## **#2 – Why Study Philemon?**

### **To Discover that in Christ all are Equal.**

**1 Corinthians 12:13** *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

**Ephesians 6:8** *Knowing that whatever good thing any man does, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

**Galatians 3:28** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Colossians 3:11** *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

## **#3 – Why Study Philemon? To Learn What Real Forgiveness Is**

***Philemon -The ball is in your court***

- ***Forgiveness - to forgive or not***
- ***Anger - Revenge - getting even***
- ***Bitterness - pretending, but hurt***
- ***Grudges - wedge between us***
- ***Unresolved conflicts – acid attitudes***
- ***Hostage to bitterness – bondage***
- ***Conflict resolution - Matthew 18***

# #4 – Remember Martyred Saints

## Paul's Friends - Romans 16, Col. 4

Paul – beheaded by Nero outside the city of Rome 64-66 AD

Timothy – beaten dragged through streets, stoned to death

Philemon – Buried up to waist then stoned his with wife.

Apphia – wife of Philemon, stoned by Ruler Artocles

Archippus – son of Philemon, slashed with knives

Epaphras – Colossians 1:7, 4:12-13 fellow prisoner, pastor

Aristarchus – Acts 19:29, 20:4, 27:2, Col. 4:10 beheaded Rome

Mark – rope around neck dragged through streets 68 AD

Luke – died in Rome before Nero, beheaded

# **#5 – Learn Loving Fellowship**

## **10 Endearing Words of Agape Love**

- 1. Beloved" <27> (agapetos) in verses 1, 2, 16**
- 2. Fellow Soldier <4961> (sustratioetes) in verses 2**
- 3. Household <3624> (oikos) in verse 2**
- 4. Love <26> (agape) in verses 5, 9;**
- 5. Good thing, <18> (agathos) in verses 6, 14;**
- 6. Fellowship <2842> (koinonia) in verses 6, 17;**
- 7. Heart <4698> (splagchnon) in verses 7, 12, 20**
- 8. Brother <80> (adelphos) in verses 7, 20**
- 9. Refresh <373> (anapauo) in verses 7, 20**
- 10. Receive <4355> (proslambano) in verses 12, 17**

## **#6 – Why Study Philemon? To Discover Yourself in the Story**

*Paul – do you live, pray, forgive, suffer, or make peace like Paul?*

*Onesimus – are you the failure and the one needing reconciliation?*

*Philemon – are you the offended one, the bitter one, the angry one?*

*Demas – departed, having loved this present evil world.*

**Onesimus = “Once-I-Was-A-Mess”  
his name actually means “useful.”**

**Paul uses a pun in verse 11:  
“Once he was ‘useless’, but now he is ‘useful.’”**



# #7 – Why Study Philemon? Look into the Mirror (fix what's wrong)



*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. – James 1:22-26*