

Sunday, October 9, 2022

## **Sermon Outline**

4. The Lord Himself left an example of forgiveness hanging on the cross, Lk. 23:34
5. Stephen followed his Lord's example, Acts 7:59, 60

### II. PAUL'S MAJOR TEACHING ON THE DEPTHS OF FORGIVENESS IS HIS LETTER TO PHILEMON

- A. It Is One Of The Prison Epistles, v-1a
- B. Philemon Was A Beloved Christian Brother, v-1b
- C. The Local Church Met In His Home, v-2
- D. Paul Greets Him And Commends Him For His Christian Testimony, v-3-5
- E. Paul Makes An Appeal To Him To Forgive His Run Away Slave, Onesimus, Eph. 6:5
  1. Paul choose not to approach Philemon from his authority as an Apostle, v-8
  2. Paul choose to appeal to Philemon on the bases of their Christian love, v-9
  3. Onesimus had stolen from his master and away to Rome.
    - a. Paul led him to Christ, v-10

- b. Now saved he was living a useful Christian life, 11
4. After some time Paul was sending him back to his master, v-12-14
  - a. He was loved by Paul, v-12
  - b. He had been very useful to Paul, v-13
  - c. Paul appeals to Philemon's free will, v-14
5. Paul mentions the possibility of the providence of God at work in the whole situation, v-15, 16

- F. Paul Appeals To Philemon To Grant Onesimus Full Forgiveness, v-17,18
  1. To accept Onesimus as he would accept him, v-17
  2. To charge any wrong done to Paul's personal account, v-18, 19
- G. Paul Expresses His Confidence In Philemon's Christian Obedience, v-20, 21
  1. He asked Philemon to refresh his heart, v-20; Cf. v-7
  2. Paul believes that Philemon will do even more than he asks of him, v-21