

Sermon Outline: 7.1.18

Sermon Title: *From Slave to Son*

Sermon Text: Philemon 1-25

(Philemon 1-25)

The Characters...

Philemon:

A well-do-to convert to Christianity;
The church at Colosse met in his home.

Onesimus:

A thieving, runaway slave of Philemon;
The Apostle Paul led him to Christ.

Paul:

The author of this letter to Philemon;
The mediator between Philemon and Onesimus.

(Philemon 15)

Observation #1:

*Onesimus' sin had led him to flee to Rome,
where he had providentially become a believer.*

(Philemon 15)

Observation #2:

*Paul wanted Philemon to accept Onesimus back
as a "beloved brother" instead of a slave.*

(Philemon 17)

Observation #3:

*Paul's appeal was based on his relationship to Philemon,
NOT on Onesimus' worth or innocence.*

(Philemon 12)

(Philemon 18)

Observation #4:

*Paul knew that restitution was important,
and volunteered to pay whatever Onesimus owed.*

(Philemon 19)

(Philemon 11, 13)

Observation #5:

*Paul understood that the new Onesimus would be
profitable to both he and Philemon.*