

# MASTERING THE BIBLE

All You Need to Know About the New Testament

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## Introduction

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**Mastering the Bible**  
**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**

**I. Course Overview**

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE (continued)**

**II. Original Purpose**

- memorize chapter outlines
  
- memorize key verses and memorization verses

**III. Practical Application**

- Individual
  
- Family
  
- Body of Christ

**IV. Presentation**

- Lecture
  
- Break
  
- Lecture

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Old Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Hebrew/Aramaic

Contents: History/Prophecy

English Bible Arrangement (according to the Septuagint)

<b>Law</b> Genesis-Deuteronomy	<b>History</b> Joshua-Esther	<b>Writings</b> Psalms-Song of Solomon	<b>Prophets</b> Isaiah-Malachi
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Hebrew Bible Arrangement

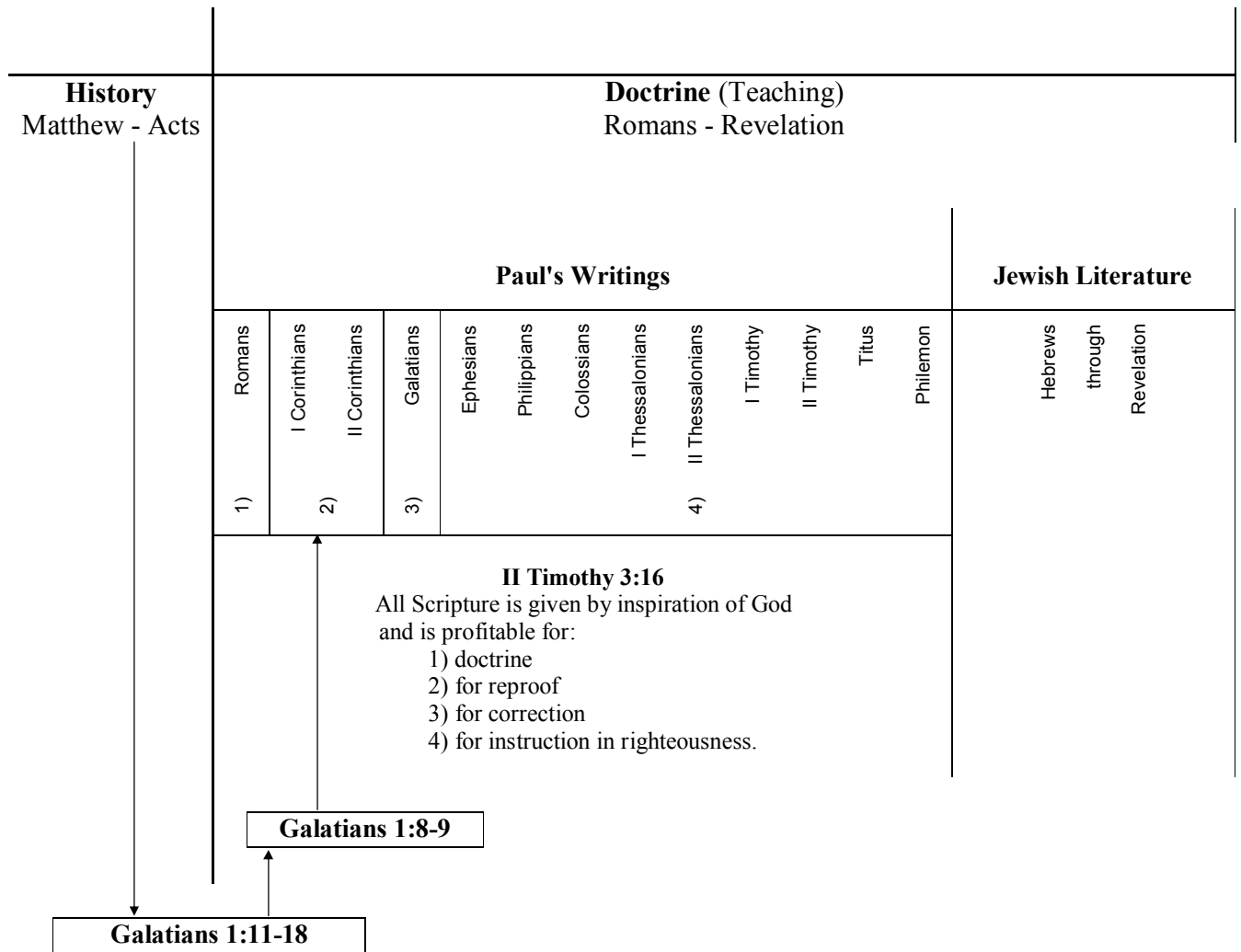
<b>Law</b> Genesis-Deuteronomy	<b>Prophets</b> Joshua-Malachi (minus Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)	<b>Writings</b> Job-II Chronicles (including Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)
Torah	Neviim	Ketuvim
תּוֹרָה	נְבִיאִים	כְּתוּבִים
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Contents: History/Doctrine (Teaching)



**II Corinthians 10:4-6**

- 4) For the tools of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *with* God for the pulling down of strongholds;
- 5) pulling down reasonings and every high thing exalting itself against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into the obedience of Christ;
- 6) and having in readiness that we should avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience should be fulfilled.

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF PHILEMON**

**I. About the Authors**

- Paul and Timothy
- Paul's inscription is on all thirteen of his letters.

**II. To Whom It Was Written**

- Philemon was written to a Christian businessman by the name of Philemon who was living in the city of Colossae concerning Philemon's run-away slave Onesimus.
- Philemon was written at the same time as Colossians.
- Both Philemon and Colossians are two of four epistles or letters known as the Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.
- Both were written around 63 A.D. while Paul was under house arrest in Rome for two years (see Acts 28:16-31).
- Timothy, Aristarchus, Archippus, Mark, Ephaphras, Luke, Onesimus, and Demas all appear in both letters demonstrating Colossians and Philemon were written by the same author at the same time.

**III. The History of Colossae**

- Colossae was a city of Phrygia, in the Roman province of Asia
- About 90 miles east of Ephesus.
- Colossae was in the Lycus Valley along with Laodicea and Hierapolis.
- The population of Colossae was mostly Gentile but had a large number of Jewish population.
- The church at Colossae began during Paul's three-year ministry at Ephesus (Acts Chapter 19).
- During this three-year period, Epaphras was saved while visiting Ephesus.
- The Church at Colossae was established by Epaphras, not Paul (Colossians 1:5-7).
- Several years after the Colossians church was founded dangerous heresies began to circulate in it.
- Epaphras was so concerned about these heresies that he made the long journey from Colossae to Rome where Paul was a prisoner (Colossians 4:12-13).

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF PHILEMON (continued)**

**IV. The Theme of Philemon**

- The portrayal of the Gospel expressed between Paul and Philemon over Philemon's slave Onesimus

**V. Delivered By**

- Philemon was delivered with Colossians and Ephesians by Tychicus who was accompanied by Onesimus (see Ephesians 6:21-22; Colossians 4:7-8).
- Epaphras remained behind in Rome (Philemon 23).

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF PHILEMON (continued)**

**VI. Section Outline of the Book of Philemon**

Philemon Chapter 1    The Portrayal of the Gospel

Verses 1-3    The Introduction

Verses 4-7    The Description of Philemon

Verses 8-22    The Exhortation of Paul

Verses 23-25    The Salutation of Paul



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## Philemon

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<u>Philemon Chapter 1</u> The Portrayal of the Gospel
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C.O. 

<b><u>Philemon 1:1-3</u></b> <b>Introduction</b>
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### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

<sup>2</sup> And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## NOTES

Philemon Chapter 1 The Portrayal of the Gospel

Philemon 1:1-3 The Introduction

Verses 1-2 The Communication of the Letter

**1 Paul,**  
**a prisoner of Jesus Christ,**

**and Timothy**  
***our* brother,**

**unto Philemon**  
**our dearly beloved,**  
**and fellowlabourer,**

**<sup>2</sup> And to *our* beloved Apphia,**  
**and Archippus**  
**our fellowsoldier,**

**and to the church in thy house:**

Verse 3 The Customary Greeting

**<sup>3</sup> Grace to you,**  
**and peace,**  
**from God our Father**  
**and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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C.O.

**Philemon 1:4-7**  
**The Description of Philemon**

### Chapter 1 (continued)

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

<sup>5</sup> Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

<sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

## NOTES

Philemon Chapter 1 The Portrayal of the Gospel (continued)

Philemon 1:4-7 The Description of Philemon

Verse 4 The Consideration of Philemon

**<sup>4</sup> I thank my God,  
making mention of thee always in my prayers,**

Verse 5a The Characteristics of Philemon

**<sup>5</sup> Hearing of thy love and faith,**

Verse 5b The Confirmation of Philemon

**which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus,  
and toward all saints;**

Verse 6 The Conclusion for Philemon

**<sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith  
may become effectual  
by the acknowledging of every good thing  
which is in you in Christ Jesus.**

Verse 7 The Consolation over Philemon

**<sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in thy love,  
because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.**

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### Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.

**Philemon 1:8-22**  
**The Exhortation of Paul**

<sup>8</sup> Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

<sup>9</sup> Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

<sup>10</sup> I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

<sup>11</sup> Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

<sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

<sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

<sup>14</sup> But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

M.V.

Philemon 1:15

**15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;**

<sup>16</sup> 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?

M.V.

Philemon 1:17

**17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.**

## NOTES

Philemon Chapter 1 The Portrayal of the Gospel (continued)

Philemon 1:8-22 The Exhortation of Paul

Verses 8-11 The Intercession of Paul

<sup>8</sup> Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ  
to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

<sup>9</sup> Yet for love's sake I rather beseech *thee*,  
being such an one as Paul the aged,  
and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

<sup>10</sup> I beseech thee for my son Onesimus,  
whom I have begotten in my bonds:

<sup>11</sup> Which in time past was to thee unprofitable,  
but now profitable to thee and to me:

Verses 12-17 The Substitution of Paul

<sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent again:

thou therefore receive him,  
that is, mine own bowels:

<sup>13</sup> Whom I would have retained with me,  
that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me  
in the bonds of the gospel:

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that thy benefit should not be  
as it were of necessity, but willingly.

<sup>15</sup> For perhaps he therefore departed for a season,  
that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

<sup>16</sup> 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?

<sup>17</sup> If thou count me therefore a partner,  
receive him as myself.

**Chapter 1** (continued)

<sup>18</sup> If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

<sup>22</sup> But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.



## NOTES

Philemon Chapter 1 The Portrayal of the Gospel (continued)

Philemon 1:8-22 The Exhortation of Paul (continued)

Verses 18-19 The Imputation of Paul

**<sup>18</sup> If he hath wronged thee,  
or oweth *thee* ought,**

**put that on mine account;**

**<sup>19</sup> 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.**

Verse 20 The Celebration of Paul:

**<sup>20</sup> Yea, brother,  
let me have joy of thee in the Lord:**

**refresh my bowels in the Lord.**

Verses 21-22 The Confidence of Paul:

**<sup>21</sup> Having confidence in thy obedience  
I wrote unto thee,  
knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.**

**<sup>22</sup> But withal prepare me also a lodging:  
for I trust that through your prayers  
I shall be given unto you.**

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### Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.

**Philemon 1:23-25**  
**The Salutation**

<sup>23</sup> There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

<sup>24</sup> Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
Amen.

## NOTES

Philemon Chapter 1 The Portrayal of the Gospel (continued)

Philemon 1:23-25 The Salutation

Verses 23-24 The Companions of Paul

<sup>23</sup> **There salute thee Epaphras,  
my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;**

<sup>24</sup> **Marcus,  
Aristarchus,  
Demas,  
Lucas,  
my fellowlabourers.**

Verse 25 The Concept of Grace

<sup>25</sup> **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit. Amen.**

