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**Colossians 4:17**

# Philemon

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:





WRITTEN FROM PRISON  
**PAUL'S SHORTEST LETTER**  
- 290 WORDS

**THE MISSION:**  
GET PHILEMON TO FORGIVE ONESIMUS  
AND  
EMBRACE HIM AS A BROTHER

# PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON

- THE ONLY LETTER WHERE PAUL MENTIONS DEATH & RESURRECTION... BECAUSE...

- THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PERSONAL, BUT NEVER PRIVATE, NEW HUMANITY OF THOSE WHO SHAKE TOGETHER IN...

**EXPLOSIVE!**

**THE BACKSTORY:**



SEE V. 1-2; COLOSSIANS 1:7



## vv1-7 OPENING PRAYER



**GREEK: KOINONIA** = SHARING, MUTUAL PARTICIPATION

ALL OF JESUS FOLLOWERS ARE EQUAL PARTNERS WHO SHARE IN THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE & LOVE.

FOR PAUL, KOINONIA IS NOT JUST AN IDEA.

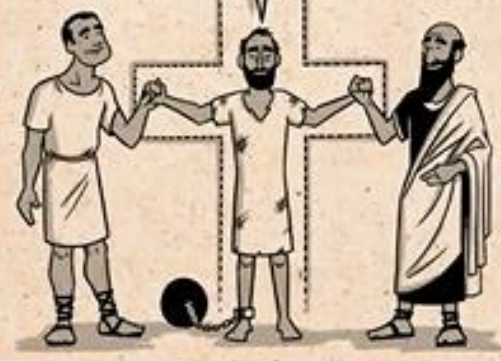


## vv8-20 PAUL'S REQUEST



**THE BOLD REQUEST:**  
"RECEIVE ONESIMUS BACK, NO LONGER AS A SLAVE, BUT AS A BELOVED BROTHER IN THE LORD."

**WHY SHOULD PHILEMON DO THIS?**  
IF YOU ARE TRULY A PARTNER (SEE KOINONIA) WITH ME, THEN WELCOME ONESIMUS AS IF HE WERE ME. IF HE'S WRONGED YOU OR OWES YOU ANYTHING, CHARGE IT TO ME--I WILL REPAY IT. (vv.17-19)



1 RECONCILING  
"GOD WAS RECONCILING"

2 KOINONIA  
THEY ARE EQUAL SHARING IN THE GIFT FOR FORGIVENESS  
~~MYSTER & SONS~~  
BROTHERS IN

# Philemon- Greetings

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, <sup>24</sup> and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

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<sup>7</sup> Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

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<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),

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<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup> For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

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<sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.

<sup>17</sup> And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”



# The New Life

He leads me in paths of  
righteousness... Ps 23



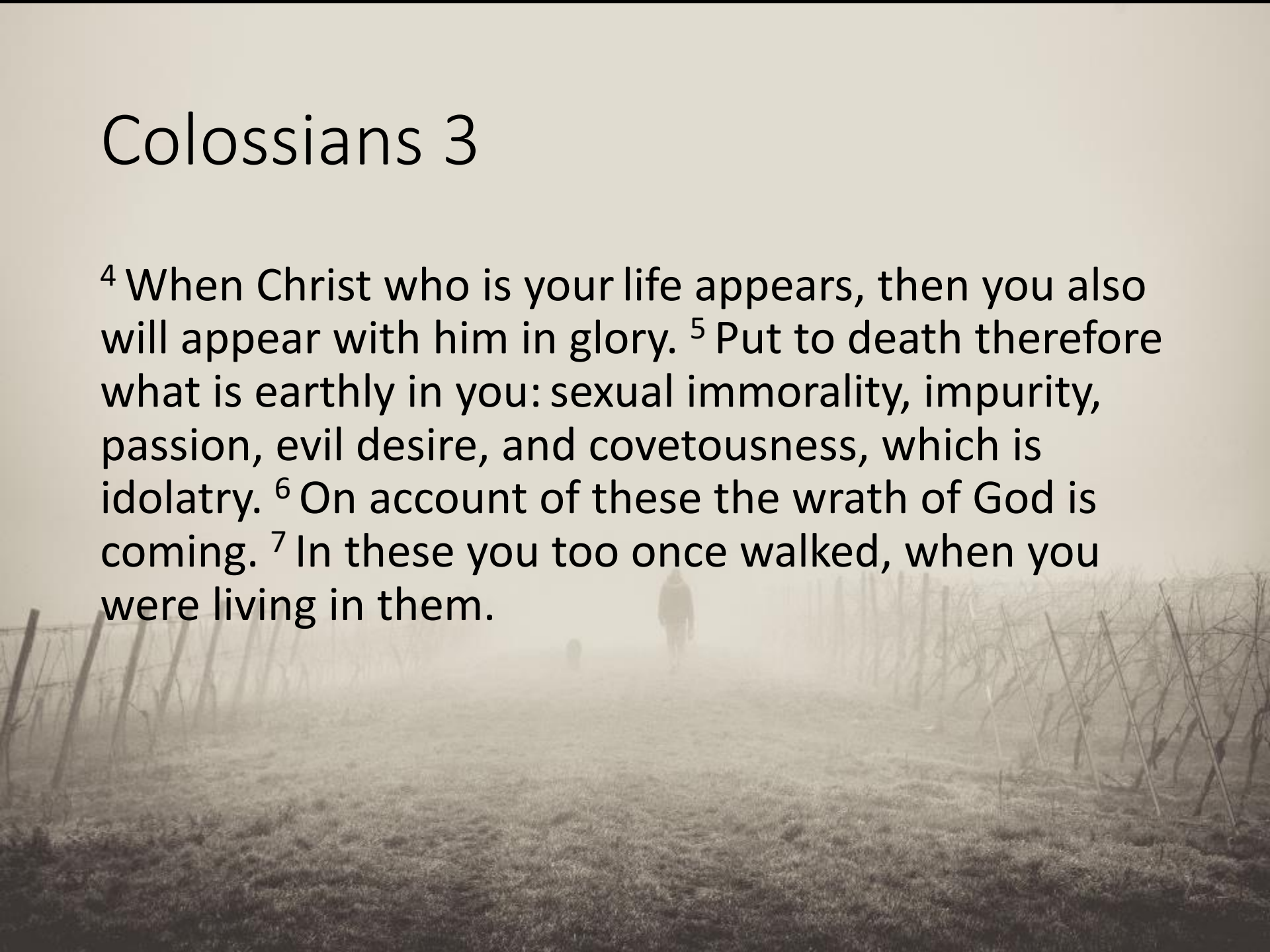
# Colossians 3

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



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<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

A person is walking away from the camera down a path in a field. The field is filled with numerous wooden stakes or posts, possibly for a vineyard or garden. The scene is very misty or foggy, with a soft, diffused light. The person is in the middle ground, and their figure is somewhat blurred by the distance and the mist. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

# Colossians 3

<sup>8</sup> But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

# Colossians 3

<sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free; but Christ is all, and in all.



# Colossians 3

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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# 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>18</sup> Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.





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