

# PHILEMON - CHOOSING A LEGACY OF LOVE

## Lesson 2

**Review:** Paul sends two letters to Colosse by the hand of Tychicus. One is a letter to the church regarding the popular heresy of Gnosticism which also includes some practical instruction of how masters should treat their slaves and how slaves should serve their masters. The second was a personal letter to Philemon, a church leader and owner of the runaway slave Onesimus. This letter places Paul in the position of Peacemaker between the master and his slave.

### PREPARING THE WAY FOR PEACE

#### **I. PAUL STIRS UP PHILEMON'S REMEMBRANCE - Philemon 1:4-7**

A) By recalling his REPUTATION - vs. 4-5a

1) For a love that was OBVIOUS

2) For a faith that was OBEDIENCE  
*Abigail's plea to David - 1 Sam. 25:32-33 / Eccl. 10:1*

B) That was REFLECTED - vs. 5b

1) In his relationship with the SAVIOR - 1 Jn. 3:16-22

2) In his relationship with the SAINTS - 1 Jn. 3:23-24

C) That was REVEALED - vs. 6

1) By a powerful testimony WITHOUT

2) By a powerful testimony WITHIN

D) How he had REFRESHED them - vs. 7

1) His words had EDIFIED them

2) His works had ENCOURAGED them

#### **II. STIRRING UP THE RIGHT RESPONSE FOR THE RIGHT REASON - Vs. 8-12**

A) Not because of WHAT Paul was, but WHO he is

1) DUTY says, "I have to"

2) DISCIPLINE says, "I ought to"

3) DEVOTION says, "I want to"

B) Not because of WHO Onesimus was, but WHAT he is

1) He was now Paul's SON

2) He was now Paul's SERVANT

3) He was now a SAINT