

## ONESIMUS: FREEDOM, FORGIVENESS, AND SECOND CHANCES

Philemon 1-25 // Dr. Ron Jones

One of millions of slaves in the Roman Empire, Onesimus had stolen from his master, Philemon, and ran away to Rome. A runaway slave could receive the death penalty. While in Rome, Onesimus came to faith in Jesus Christ through an encounter with the apostle Paul. Paul then writes a personal letter to Philemon, a wealthy businessman in Colosse, asking him to forgive Onesimus and receive him back as his brother in Christ.

Onesimus was a runaway cracked pot, broken by the cruelty of \_\_\_\_\_ plus poor personal choices that led to \_\_\_\_\_.

The name "Onesimus" means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### A Personal Letter

- PHILEMON 1-7
- PHILEMON 8-16
- PHILEMON 17-25

## The Gospel According to Philemon

1. "We are all \_\_\_\_\_!" MARTIN LUTHER

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* ROMANS 3:23 ESV

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ awaits us.

*For the wages of sin is death ...* ROMANS 6:23 ESV

3. Our sin was charged to \_\_\_\_\_.

*So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.* PHILEMON 17-18 ESV

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; 1 PETER 3:18

4. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_ but we are ...

• PHILEMON 15-16

• ROMANS 6:17-18