

# PAUL WRITES TO PHILEMON

SESSION 13



**Text Truth:** Paul taught people to do the right thing.

**Bible Verse:** I have great boldness to tell you what is right to do.

**Philemon 1:8**

**Bible Verse Paraphrase:** Do what is right in love. **Philemon 1:8**

For Kids  
and  
Parents

## PHILEMON

One of Paul's friends was Philemon. Philemon was a businessman in the city of Colossae. Paul helped Philemon hear the good news about Jesus.

Philemon had a big house and many servants. One of the servants was Onesimus.

Onesimus took something that belonged to his master, Philemon. Onesimus made a mistake and ran away. He traveled to Rome, a city far away. Onesimus went to Paul's house.

Paul cared about Onesimus and told him about Jesus.

Onesimus wanted to love Jesus and live like Him. Onesimus told Paul his story about leaving Philemon's house.

Paul wanted to help Onesimus, so he decided to send a letter to his friend Philemon. Paul knew the right thing was for Onesimus to return to his master, and for Philemon to forgive Onesimus. Paul told Philemon that Onesimus now loved Jesus. Onesimus had been helpful to Paul in Rome.

"Dear Philemon, I write you in love," said Paul. "Please accept your servant Onesimus back to your home. Forgive him. He loves Jesus and follows Him as you and I do. If Onesimus has done something wrong or owes you money, I will take care of it." Then Paul said, "I hope to visit with you later to see how things are going."

Paul wanted Philemon to treat Onesimus kindly and forgive him. And Paul wanted Onesimus to do the right thing and go back to his master's house.



# RIGHT OR NOT RIGHT?

When Paul wrote a letter to Philemon, Paul said to be kind and do what is right.

Look at the pictures. Which show children doing the right thing?



**Do what is right in love.**

Philemon 1:8