

On Behalf of a Slave

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buscher

Scripture—Philemon.



Paul's letter opens with a typical salutation, greeting Onesimus as a man of faith, love, generosity and hospitality to saints and fellow-Christians.—Philemon 17.

Because Onesimus has become dear to Paul, the apostle writes Philemon, assuring him he will be a better slave because he is now a Christian.—Philemon 17.

Paul asks Philemon to receive Onesimus as himself as a brother in Christ, putting on the debts incurred by his return on the apostle's account.—Philemon 16-20.

After sending greetings from friends in Rome, Paul offers a benediction asking God's grace upon Philemon's spirit.—Philemon 21-25.

MEMORY VERSE:—"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female: For ye are one in Christ Jesus."

COMMON FAITH

Possibilities Of Friendship

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Christianity, becoming so helpful to Paul that parting with him was, Paul declares, like parting with his own heart.

It would be interesting to discover whether Philemon proved himself enough of a Christian to accept to Paul's request: or, on the contrary, acted like most Roman masters and put Onesimus to the torture on his return.

Though the letter to Philemon is brief, and of a personal nature, Paul cannot help beginning it with a salutation as theologically rich as those with which he began his more doctrinal epistles.

In verse 4 we learn that Philemon is one of the converts that Paul has prayed for continually. This means faith in Christ, and love of the saints had been brought to Paul's attention, so that when Philemon's name was mentioned, a mental image of the man's face arose in Paul's mind.

By R.H. RAMSEY Paul's social conservatism is evident in the events connected with this letter to Philemon, a Christian landowner of Laodicea, asking pardon for an escaped slave.

Onesimus, with the true instinct of a fugitive, had come to Rome seeking to lose himself in its teeming population. There he met Paul and was converted to

the future because, he, as a Christian, will be the best of slaves.

Now Paul beats somewhat of a tactical retreat, saying that though slave has become dear to him, he is sending him back to Philemon, for he has great respect for this man and his opinion and, not knowing Philemon's feelings on this matter, is not about to keep Onesimus.

Despite Paul's affection for Onesimus, he does not order Philemon to be good to the slave but to convert him to free will, keeping in mind that Onesimus is now his brother in Christ and beloved by Paul.

Advertisement for 'Simply stone and iron!' featuring a photograph of a stone and iron and text about strength and faith.

Advertisement for 'THE WRK PICK' featuring a large image of a pickaxe and text about the strength of iron and stone.

Advertisement for 'Appeal Reported Almost Certain In Damages Case' detailing a legal case involving the \$2,339,119 damages assessed in Quebec against the United Steelworkers of America.

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Concept of Freedom Is Gift of Salvation

By CARDINAL MCGUGAN St. Paul with the utmost clarity, once said: "Christ has set us free." (Gal. 5, 1).

Freedom in the New Testament sense is a gift of salvation and, thus, entails a gift of God. It means liberation, redemption.

Bible Society Has Exhibition Many of the thousands of visitors to the Olympic Games visited a Bible Exhibition arranged by the Japan Bible Society at Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, Dec. 13: 1 John 1:1-2; Monday, Dec. 14: 1 John 3:1-2; Tuesday, Dec. 16: 1 John 4:7-21; Wednesday, Dec. 15: 1 John 3:1-2; Thursday, Dec. 17: Ephes. 3:1-2; Friday, Dec. 18: Ephes. 4:1-3; Saturday, Dec. 19: 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

Firestone Buys Seiberling Co. AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Director of Seiberling Rubber Company here approved sale of Seiberling's tire division to Firestone.

Charlotteville Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—FAMILY BIBLE HOUR and Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—EVENING SERVICE

CALVARY TEMPLE Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelists Since 1865" 33 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Gratton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, Minister

The Kirk of St. James The Reverend R. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister

Central Christian Church 213 Kent Street Charlotteville, P.E.I. 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages.

Hellworn's Struggle On New Military Plane

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Hellworn was today reported by the cabinet to have drawn out cabinet struggle over selection of a new military plane for the Canadian force.

FELT COMPELLED Defence Production Minister Drury was reported to feel compelled to put the aircraft industry on a tight rein before the cabinet took any necessary action with it.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlotteville, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. John E. Ball, R.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyvras, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. G. Elliott Fall, F.T.C.L. Director: Mrs. David Hall, B.A., A.R.C.T.

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St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1763 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector

St. Peter's Anglican Church 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. infants)

St. Peter's Anglican Church 8:30 a.m.—THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL; Junior, Senior and Bible Study

St. Peter's Anglican Church 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL; Crib Nursery, Primary and Beginners Classes

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