

2 TIMOTHY

FOLLOWING JESUS INVOLVES RISK & TENSION

THIS IS **NOT** A SIGN OF JESUS' ABSENCE

IN DARK & DIFFICULT MOMENTS, JESUS' LOVE & FAITHFULNESS BECOME TANGIBLE & REAL

DEAR TIMOTHY, 1:1-2:13 ACCEPT YOUR CALLING...

1:1-5 I THANK GOD FOR YOU... & LOIS & EUNICE.

1:6-10 DON'T BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, OR MY CHAINS. COME SEE ME, PLEASE!

PHYGELUS & HERMOGENES (1:15)

NEGATIVE STIGMA

BIG RISK!

2:1-13 JESUS' GRACE IS A SOURCE OF POWER (2:1) TO BECOME LIKE...

SOLDIER

ATHLETE

FARMER

PAUL

JESUS

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS...

IF WE **DIED** WITH HIM, THEN WE WILL **LIVE** WITH HIM.
IF WE **ENDURE**, THEN WE WILL **REIGN** WITH HIM.
IF WE **DENY** HIM, THEN HE WILL **DENY** US.
IF WE ARE **UNFAITHFUL**, HE WILL REMAIN **FAITHFUL**, FOR HE IS UNABLE TO DENY HIS OWN NATURE.

FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS COMES WITH A COST.

- COMMITTED TO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES
- WILLING TO SACRIFICE & ENDURE FOR A GREATER GOAL

2:14-4:5 ...& DEAL WITH CORRUPT TEACHERS

THE RESURRECTION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE! (2:18)

OR

1 FOLLOWING GREEK PHILOSOPHY'S REJECTION OF BODILY RESURRECTION

2 DISTORTING PAUL'S THEOLOGY OF RESURRECTION BEGINNING NOW

BOTTOM LINE: THEY'VE ABANDONED THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION & NEW CREATION.

"APPOINT FAITHFUL PEOPLE WHO WILL TEACH OTHERS." (2:2)

FOCUS ON THE CORE STORY & MESSAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

THE SCRIPTURES ARE ABLE TO GIVE YOU WISDOM THAT LEADS TO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN THE MESSIAH JESUS. ALL SCRIPTURE IS DIVINELY BREATHED...

SCRIPTURE'S NATURE

GOD'S SPIRIT GUIDED THE AUTHORS, SO WHAT THEY WROTE IS WHAT GOD WANTS PEOPLE TO HEAR.

SCRIPTURE'S PURPOSE

...& USEFUL FOR TEACHING, CHALLENGING, CORRECTING, & TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PREPARED FOR DOING GOOD." (3:15-17)

4:6-22 CONCLUSION

THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS NEAR - COME BEFORE WINTER.

BRING MY HEAVY COAT (IT'S GETTING COLD!)

BRING MY SCROLLS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

WATCH OUT FOR ALEXANDER - (HE'S DANGEROUS!)

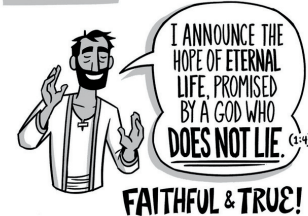
ALMOST EVERYONE HAS ABANDONED ME, EXCEPT JESUS WHO STANDS WITH ME.



PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS



1:1-4 INTRODUCTION



THE GOD REVEALED IN JESUS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT



1:5-16 TITUS' TASKS

1:5-7 APPOINT NEW LEADERS

ELDERS

MATURE HUSBANDS & FATHERS
KNOWN FOR INTEGRITY, SELF-CONTROL, & GENEROSITY
ABLE TO TEACH THE GOOD NEWS

1:10-16 CONFRONT CORRUPT LEADERS

ETHNICALLY JEWISH CRETAN CHRISTIANS

DEMANDING CIRCUMCISION & TORAH OBSERVANCE (SEE GALATIANS)
MOTIVATED BY MONEY

EPIMENIDES SAID IT BEST:

'CRETANS ARE... ALWAYS LIARS, VIOLENT BEASTS, AND LAZY GLUTTONS!'

2 THE NEW HOUSEHOLD

THE PRESENT REALITY...

FORGET YOU BOSS-MAN!

WOO YEAHH, JESUS!!!

CHRISTIANS! WANT A JOKE...

...THE RESULT

- GOD'S WORD IS DISCREDITED (2:5)
- PEOPLE MAKE EVIL ACCUSATIONS (2:5)
- THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE ISN'T COMPELLING (2:10)

THE CRETAN HOUSEHOLD, JESUS-STYLE

THE GOSPEL MUST PROVE ITSELF IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

CHRISTIANITY IS COMPELLING WHEN IT LOOKS CULTURALLY SIMILAR... BUT IS BASED ON DIFFERENT VALUE SYSTEM & DEVOTED TO A DIFFERENT GOD.

2:11-15 THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE IS BASED ON GOD'S GENEROUS GRACE

DEMONSTRATED IN JESUS' REDEEMING DEATH FOR HIS ENEMIES

CALLS PEOPLE TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE

THE CRETAN

3 THE NEW HUMANITY

3:1-3

CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE IDEAL CITIZENS

3:1-7 THE GOSPEL: A POEM

WHEN THE **KINDNESS & LOVE** OF GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED, HE **SAVED US** NOT BECAUSE OF OUR RIGHT BEHAVIOR, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. WE WERE SAVED THROUGH THE **WASHING** OF **REBIRTH & RENEWAL** THROUGH THE **HOLY SPIRIT**, WHOM GOD POURED OUT ON US THROUGH **JESUS** THE MESSIAH, OUR SAVIOR. AND SO WE ARE **DECLARED RIGHTEOUS** BY HIS GRACE, AND BECOME HEIRS OF THE HOPE OF **ETERNAL LIFE**.

SPIRIT-EMPOWERED FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS WILL DECLARE **GOD'S** GRACE TO THE WORLD.

3:12-15 CLOSING

PICK ME!

I'LL SEND ARTEMAS OR TYCHICUS TO BACK YOU UP!



WRITTEN FROM PRISON
PAUL'S
SHORTEST
LETTER
...& MOST

EXPLOSIVE!

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

PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON

- THE ONLY LETTER WHERE PAUL DOESN'T TALK ABOUT JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION... BECAUSE HE'S ACTING IT OUT.

- THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOOD NEWS ARE PERSONAL, BUT NEVER PRIVATE: JESUS' FAMILY IS A NEW HUMANITY OF EQUAL PARTNERS WHO SHARE TOGETHER IN GOD'S HEALING MERCY.



vv21-25 FINAL GREETING

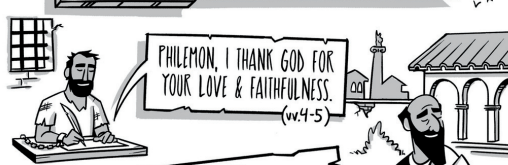
THE BACKSTORY:



SEE VV. 1-2; COLOSSIANS 1:7



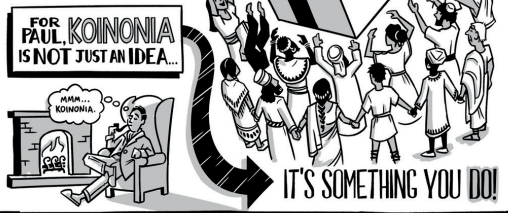
vv1-7 OPENING PRAYER



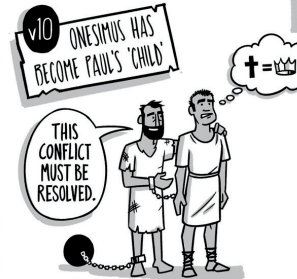
"I PRAY THAT THE **PARTNERSHIP** THAT SPRINGS FROM YOUR FAITH MAY EFFECTIVELY LEAD YOU TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE GOOD THINGS AT WORK IN US, LEADING US INTO THE MESSIAH." (v.6)

GREEK: KOINONIA = SHARING, MUTUAL PARTICIPATION

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



vv8-20 PAUL'S REQUEST



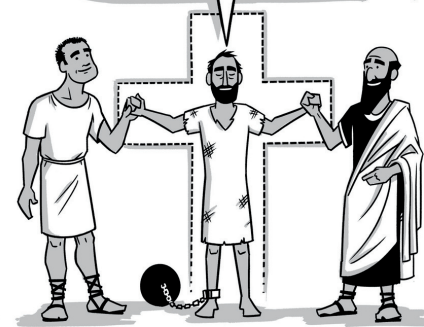
THE BOLD REQUEST:

"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** (GK: 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. (vv17-19)



1 RECONCILIATION:

"GOD WAS RECONCILING **THE WORLD** **IN THE MESSIAH** **TO HIMSELF** NOT COUNTING PEOPLE'S SINS AGAINST THEM." (2 CORINTHIANS 5:19)

2 KOINONIA:

THEY ARE EQUAL BEFORE GOD, SHARING IN THE SAME NEED FOR FORGIVENESS.

"IN GOD'S NEW FAMILY, PEOPLE ARE NOT GREEK OR JEWISH, CIRCUMCISED OR UNCIRCUMCISED, **SLAVE OR FREE**, BUT THE MESSIAH IS ALL & IS IN ALL." (COLOSSIANS 3:11)



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