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1. Written by Paul.
  2. Written to Philemon.
    - A. Apphia
    - B. Archipus
  3. Written about the same time as Colossians
  4. Personal letter
  5. Written while Paul was in prison
  6. Purpose: To restore Onesimus



Roman culture; Impersonal, information driven.  
Slavery accepted.

Our culture: Impersonal, information driven.  
Slavery outlawed.



Names identified your position;

wealthy or poor,  
Roman or Greek,  
Jew or Gentile,  
slave or free.



Onesimus....

Useful



Forgive others

Help others to see the need to forgive

Strengthen relationships

Restore broken relationships

See people as Christ sees them



# Useless to Useful

Philemon