



EPISODE 9: PHILEMON AND TITUS
MARCH 13/14

PHILEMON

1. In Philemon 1:4-7, how does Paul express thanksgiving for Philemon's love and faith, and how can this inspire believers in their relationships within the Christian community?
2. Explore Philemon 1:8-16, focusing on Paul's plea for Onesimus, a runaway slave. How does this passage shed light on the transformative power of Christianity and the concept of forgiveness?
3. Reflect on Philemon 1:10-11, where Paul writes on behalf of Onesimus, using a wordplay with Onesimus's name, meaning "useful" or "beneficial." How can believers strive to live up to the potential of being useful in the service of Christ?
4. In Philemon 1:17-21, how does Paul appeal to Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother rather than a slave, and what does this reveal about the equality and unity within the body of Christ?

5. Philemon 1:25 mentions grace. Discuss the significance of grace in the context of reconciliation and forgiveness, drawing connections to other biblical teachings on grace.

6. What is **profound** / **powerful** about this letter to you? What does it tell us about God, about humanity and about God's involvement in our lives and salvation?

7. What is **problematic**?

8. What **personal** issues does Philemon address in Paul's life? Do any of these issues resonate with you? in your life?

9. Give some examples of how Paul expresses God's truth in **poetic**, memorable or beautiful ways.

10. Are there any **practical** issues that Paul raises (money, travel, politics, etc.)?

11. What does Paul **pray** for in this letter, and what do you think is at the top of his "prayer list" for this church?

12. Where do you see Paul really speaking as a **pastor** and leader in this letter?

TITUS

1. In Titus 1:5-9, what qualities are mentioned for appointing elders in the church, and why are these characteristics important?
2. Titus 1:16 talks about people who profess to know God but deny Him by their deeds. How can believers guard against hypocrisy, and what role does genuine faith play in our actions?
3. According to Titus 2:3-5, what is the role of older women in the church community, and how does their behavior impact the younger generation?
4. Titus 2:12 mentions living "godly and upright lives." Explore what this means and discuss practical ways believers can strive for such a lifestyle.
5. In Titus 2:13, Paul speaks about the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. How does this impact the Christian's perspective on life?
6. Explore Titus 2:11-14, and discuss the significance of God's grace as a source of salvation and instruction for righteous living.
7. In Titus 3:1-2, what instructions are given to believers regarding their behavior towards rulers and authorities? How does this align with Christian principles?

8. Reflect on Titus 3:4-7, focusing on the concept of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. How does this impact our understanding of salvation?

9. Titus 3:8 emphasizes the importance of good works. Discuss the balance between salvation by grace and the role of good works in the Christian life.

10. Titus 3:9 warns against foolish controversies and quarrels. How can believers maintain unity within the church while addressing theological differences, and why is this important?

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17. Where do you see Paul really speaking as a **pastor** and leader in this letter? What insights can be gained about Paul's relationship with Titus through this letter?