

Philemon

An Amen to Colossians

"Reconciliation and Restoration, God-style"

INTRO: *Paul wrote a personal letter to one of the leading members of the house church in Colossae named Philemon regarding a situation for which the entire church could assist by providing encouragement.*

- I. Christians enjoy _____ in Jesus' spiritual Body expressed locally in _____ (1-7).** *Fellowship is more than friendly get-togethers; It is partnership in the Gospel.*
- II. _____ may be broken through _____.** *There may be many reasons for conflict, not the least of which is sin. The situation in Colossae concerned a converted runaway slave.*
- III. _____ with repentant _____ and restore _____ broken by conflict by responding as _____ in _____ treats us (8-25).** *The Holy Spirit used Paul to intercede for reconciliation among Christians.*
- A. _____.** *God's commands are often phrased as an appeal to our new nature (ex: Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:20).*
- B. _____.** *To reconcile us to Himself, God took our sin-debt and transferred it to His Son (Romans 5:8).*
- C. _____.** *If we cannot forgive, we do not appreciate God's forgiveness of us in Christ (Matthew 6:14-15).*