

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1165: How Did the Apostle Paul Handle a Slave Owner?

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1. What were the circumstances when Paul wrote his letter to Philemon? How did they influence the way the letter was addressed? (See Colossians 4:15-18, Philemon 1-3)
2. How did Paul begin his plea to Philemon? What made his choice of words so powerful? (See Acts 2:41-42, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Philemon 4-7, 1 Timothy 2:3-4)
3. What was Paul's approach when it was time to make his request? What can we learn from this approach? (See Luke 8:25, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philemon 8-9, 1 John 2:1)
4. What were the differences in how the Romans, Greeks and Jews treated their slaves? Why was the situation more difficult because it was under Roman rule?
5. What did Paul say to appeal to Philemon on Onesimus' behalf? Why? (See Philemon 1:10-11, 1 Peter 2:10)
6. What did Paul reveal about his feelings towards Onesimus and his situation? (See Romans 12:9-10, 1 Corinthians 6:10-11, Philemon 12-14)
7. What did Paul say to change the relationship between Onesimus and Philemon? (See Romans 12:11-13, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philemon 15-16)
8. How did Paul conclude his plea to Philemon? Why would he be willing to cover Onesimus' wrongs? (See Acts 9:15-16, Ephesians 4:31-32, Philemon 18-20)
9. Why was Paul confident that Philemon would do as he had encouraged? How did his relationship with Onesimus continue? (See Philemon 21-25, Colossians 4:7-9)
10. What can we learn about Paul's character in his letter to Philemon? How can we apply his example to our lives today?