



# GOD'S GRACE FOR RELATIONSHIPS

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*Philemon 1:1-3*



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“People are messy; therefore relationships will be messy. Don’t be surprised by messiness”

*-Tim Keller*





# BACKGROUND OF PHILEMON

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- Writer: Paul
- Date: AD 60-62
- Recipient: Philemon (v 2)
- Theme: Forgiveness in the Body of Christ
- Key Verses: 1:10-11
- Outline:
  - Greetings (vv 1-3)
  - Paul's Appreciation (vv 4-7)
  - Paul's Appeal (vv 8-17)
  - Paul's Assurance (vv 18-20)
  - Conclusion (vv 21-25)

# PAUL & TIMOTHY



# PHILEMON



# GREETINGS

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*Grace*

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*Grace*  
*Peace*

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“The tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is”





# THEOLOGY OF RELATIONSHIPS

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- A. God is the author of relationships.
- B. God created man for relationships (Genesis 2:8, 15-17, 18)
- C. Because of sin, relationships became problematic, difficult, frustrating and confusing. (Genesis 3)
- D. God allows us to endure difficult relationships so that He can change our hearts
- E. It's only by God's grace that our relationships can work.
- F. The Bible brings guidance and hope in our relationships.