The Letter To Philemon: A New Translation With Introduction And Commentary

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The Epistle to Philemon is a book of the New Testament in the Christian Bible. Philemon is now generally regarded as one of the undisputed works of Saint Paul, although it was once questioned by some. It is the shortest of Paul's extant letters, consisting of only 335 words in the original Greek text, and 25 verses in modern English translations. The letter was written by Paul to a prominent Christian, Philemon, to intercede on behalf of a runaway slave, Onesimus, who "like Philemon himself" had become a Christian under Paul's guidance. 