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Philemon

The book of Philemon is a short letter in the New Testament of the Christian Bible, written by the apostle Paul to Philemon, a wealthy Christian who lived in Colossae. The letter addresses a specific situation in which Onesimus, a slave who had escaped from Philemon's household, had come into contact with Paul while he was in prison. Paul had converted Onesimus to Christianity and had become fond of him, but he felt that it was his duty to send him back to his owner, Philemon. Paul wrote this letter to appeal to Philemon to receive Onesimus back not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ.

In the letter, Paul emphasizes the love and fellowship that Christians share with one another, and he asks Philemon to forgive Onesimus and to receive him back as a fellow Christian. Paul also offers to repay any debts that Onesimus may owe to Philemon.

The letter is only one chapter long and consists of a greeting, a thanksgiving for Philemon's faith and love, an appeal for Onesimus, and a closing remark. Despite its brevity, the letter has been widely studied for its insights into Paul's views on slavery, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Overall, the book of Philemon is a powerful message of Christian love and forgiveness, and it shows that even in situations of great social inequality and injustice, the principles of the gospel can bring about transformation and reconciliation.

in Christian bible; the book " Philemon "; can you give me the important verses ; also brief explanation and where to find these verses

Sure, here are some important verses from the book of Philemon with brief explanations and their locations in the Bible:

1. "I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers" (Philemon 1:4). In this verse, Paul expresses his gratitude for Philemon and his faith in God.
2. "I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains" (Philemon 1:10). Paul is asking Philemon to receive Onesimus back not as a slave, but as a fellow Christian and a brother in Christ.

3. "For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever" (Philemon 1:15). Here, Paul suggests that God allowed Onesimus to escape from Philemon's household so that he could become a Christian and ultimately be reconciled with his former owner.
4. "If he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account" (Philemon 1:18). Paul offers to repay any debts that Onesimus may owe to Philemon.
5. "Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say" (Philemon 1:21). Paul expresses his confidence in Philemon's willingness to forgive and receive Onesimus back.

The book of Philemon is found in the New Testament, between Titus and Hebrews.

Notes:

here are some questions related to the book of Philemon that have been debated or discussed by biblical scholars and theologians:

1. Why did Paul not explicitly condemn slavery in his letter to Philemon and instead ask him to voluntarily free his slave Onesimus?
2. Why did Paul not use his apostolic authority to forcefully compel Philemon to free Onesimus?
3. What was the social and economic status of Onesimus and Philemon?
4. What was the nature of the relationship between Philemon and Onesimus?
5. Why did Onesimus run away from his master, Philemon, and seek refuge with Paul?

These are some of the questions that have been debated or discussed by biblical scholars and theologians regarding the book of Philemon. While there may not be definitive answers to some of these questions, different interpretations and perspectives can shed light on the meaning and significance of the book for Christians.