

## SUPER HEROES . . . SUPER MEN – PART TWO

### *Philemon*

- A. The **REALITY** of Paul's confidence (v4)
1. Paul reveals his **confidence** that Philemon has the character which is needed to show forgiveness
  2. Paul shows the value of offering **thanks** to God for the godly virtue and conduct of other believers
- B. The **REASON** for Paul's confidence (v5)
1. This is a literary **technique** where the first part goes with the last verse while the middle stands alone
    - a. I hear of your **love** (first part) toward all the saints (last part)
    - b. I hear of the **faith** you have toward the Lord Jesus (middle part standing alone)
  2. Philemon showed love toward **all** the saints
    - a. This was a **self-sacrificial** love
    - b. This was a love **evidenced** to all saints
    - c. Written in the **present** tense
    - d. The **character** to forgive includes displaying a self-sacrificial love to all believers
  3. Philemon was a man who showed faith toward the **Lord** Jesus
    - a. He believed and **acted** upon the words of Christ
    - b. This is also written in the **present** tense
- c. The **character** to forgive includes a desire to please the Lord
- C. The **RESULT** of Paul's confidence
1. The results for **SELF** (v6)
    - a. The **MOTIVE** involved
      - 1) Fellowship speaks of a mutual **sharing**
      - 2) Effective speaks of being **powerful**
    - b. The **MEANS** involved
      - 1) Knowledge speaks of a **deep** experiential knowledge
      - 2) This occurs as Philemon continues to **know** the truth of Scripture through obeying it
      - 3) In **Christ** shows that this type of character is what brings glory to Jesus
  2. The results for **SAINTS** (v7)
    - a. This character brings **joy** to other believers
    - b. This character brings **comfort** to other believers
    - c. This character brings **refreshment** to other believers
      - 1) Hearts speaks of our **emotions** and feelings
      - 2) Refreshed is a **military** term describing an army resting after a long march
      - 3) **Jesus** used this same word in Matthew 11:28