

ENCOUNTER WITH ONESIMUS

Onesimus becomes a Christian. Phm.10
A slave of Philemon, Onesimus had come to Rome.
Philemon was a Christian in Colossae. Col.4:8-9
Paul desired to keep Onesimus with him at Rome, but sent him back to Philemon.
Phm.13-14

Paul sent a letter along with Onesimus. **(Philemon)**

This letter is a classic example of "applied Christianity."
concern and consideration for others
praising another's goodness
consideration for the rights of others
suppression of own desires
settling of accounts
expressing confidence in others
the use of tact
intercession

TYCHICUS SENT TO COLOSSAE

Probably traveled with Onesimus. Col.4:7-9
Probably carried Paul's letter to the church at Colossae.
There were errors prevalent in Colossae:
angel worship
asceticism
self-styled philosophy or "gnosis "
rigid observance of Jewish festivals

(Colossians)

PAUL WRITES THE EPHESIAN LETTER

Tychicus probably carried this letter along with the Colossian letter and the personal letter to Philemon. Eph.6:21-22 (cf. Col.4:7-9)

(Ephesians)

There are many corresponding passages to what is contained in the letter to the Colossians.
[See chart →]

EPHESIANS	COLOSSIANS
1:15-19.	1:9-11
1:20-23.	1:15-19
1:10.	1:20
2:1-10.	1:21-23
3:7.	1:25
3:9-10.	1:26-27
3:17.	2:7
2:11-22.	2:11-15
4:14.	2:8
4:15-16.	2:19
4:25.	3:9
4:22-24.	3:9-10
4:32.	3:12
5:19-20.	3:16-17
5:21, 6:6-9.	3:18-22, 4:1
6:19.	4:3
5:16.	4:5
6:21.	4:7

EPAPHRODITUS ARRIVES FROM PHILIPPI

Brings gifts to Paul. Phi.4:14-18
This was not the first time that the church aided Paul.
He becomes deathly sick, but recovers.
Phi.2:25-30
Paul sends him back with the letter to the Philippians.

(Philippians)

FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE

TRAVELS TO SPAIN?

Tradition says he went to Spain, fulfilling his expressed desire. (Rom.15:28). There is, however, no proof to sustain this view.

PLACES PAUL VISITED

There is evidence that Paul, at one time or another, went to the following places. However, the exact order is hard to determine.

Colossae. Fulfilling his intentions to visit Philemon. Phm.22

Ephesus, where he leaves Timothy, charging him to carry on the work in that area. 1Ti.1:3

Macedonia, which would include Thessalonica and Philippi. cf. Phm.2:24

At this time, Paul pens his first letter to Timothy.

(1 Timothy)

Crete, where he leaves Titus to finish the work. Tit.1:5

Nicopolis, where he hopes to winter. Titus was to join him there. Tit.3:12

Miletus, where he leaves Trophimus sick. 2Ti.4:20

Troas, where he leaves behind his cloak and parchments. 2Ti.4:13

Corinth, where his helper, Erastus, remained. 2Ti.4:20

BACK IN ROME

This time as a "criminal" in chains. 2Ti.2:9

Paul sees no hope for his release. 2Ti.4:6-8

The trial has already begun. 2Ti.4:16-18

Writes his second letter to Timothy.

(2 Timothy)

Onesiphrous (from Ephesus) comes in contact with Paul in Rome. 2Ti.1:16-18

Timothy is aware that many in Asia oppose Paul. 2Ti.1:15

Phygelus and Hermogenes are specifically mentioned.

Hymenaeus and Philetus are said to have "gone astray." 2Ti.2:17-18

Demas deserts Paul, goes to Thessalonica. 2Ti.4:10

Only Luke remains with him. 2Ti.4:11

PAUL'S FELLOW-WORKERS CARRY ON THE WORK

Crescens in Galatia. 2Ti.4:10

Titus goes to Dalmatia.

Tychicus is sent to Ephesus. 2Ti.4:12

Erastus remains in Corinth. 2Ti.4:20

Timothy is asked to come to Rome by way of Troas; bringing Mark with him. 2Ti.4:11,13

THINGS TO DISCUSS

The mounting opposition to Paul's authority in Asia.

The importance of having churches organized.

The persecution of the church by Nero.

The contents of 1 Timothy, Titus, and 2 Timothy.

Did Demas forsake Christ, as well as Paul?

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