

You Owe Me

Who owes you something? To whom do you owe something?

Read Philemon 1:1-25.

1. What gave Paul the authority to request Philemon to forgive Onesimus?
 - A. Philemon owed his eternal life to Paul.
 - B. Paul had taken Christianity to Colossae where Philemon lived.
 - C. Paul was an apostle (one sent) of Jesus Christ.
 - D. Paul viewed Philemon as a beloved co-worker for Christ.
 - E. Paul was in prison for his faith.
 - F. The Colossian Church met at Philemon's house.
 - G. Paul sent the runaway slave Onesimus back to Philemon.
 - H. Paul was an old man by this time.
 - I. Other.

2. Why would Philemon forgive Onesimus?
 - A. He probably wouldn't.
 - B. Philemon trusted God.
 - C. Rome's customary treatment of slaves didn't influence Philemon.
 - D. Philemon had a reputation for loving followers of Christ.
 - E. Philemon owed Paul a favor.
 - F. The faith Philemon had in Christ led him to be generous.
 - G. Philemon was a forgiving kind of person.
 - H. Only because of Paul's request.
 - I. Other.

3. What was Paul asking of Philemon?
 - A. To forgive slave Onesimus (his name means "useful") for running away.
 - B. A desire within Philemon to want to forgive Onesimus.
 - C. To treat Onesimus the way Philemon would treat Paul.
 - D. To reinstate Onesimus as your slave in your household.
 - E. To treat Onesimus better than a slave.
 - F. To forgive Onesimus and then send him back to care for Paul in prison.
 - G. To consider Onesimus as your brother in Christ.
 - H. Payback—not what Onesimus owes you, but what you owe me/Paul.
 - I. Other.

