



BOOK OF PHILEMON

CHAPTER 1



THE HOLY BIBLE

New Testament

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Greeting from Paul and Timothy

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ [Christ” means “Anointed One”.] Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker,

2 to the beloved Apphia, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the assembly in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon’s Love and Faith

4 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers,

5 hearing of your love and of the faith which you have towards the Lord Jesus and towards all the saints,

6 that the fellowship of your faith may become effective in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

Paul's Appeal for Onesimus

8 Therefore though I have all boldness in Christ to command you that which is appropriate,

9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus [Onesimus means "useful".], whom I have become the father of in my chains,

11 who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me.

12 I am sending him back. Therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,

13 whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the Good News.

14 But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your goodness would not be as of necessity, but of free will.

15 For perhaps he was therefore separated from you for a while that you would have him forever,

16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Confidence in Your Obedience

17 If then you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me.

18 But if he has wronged you at all or owes you anything, put that to my account.

19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self besides).

20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say.

22 Also, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you.

Paul's Final Greetings

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

ABOUT EDGE LIFE BIBLE

WHAT IS THE HOLY BIBLE?

The Holy Bible is a collection of books and letters written by many people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. These books tell us how we can be saved from the evil of this world and gain eternal life that is truly worth living. Although the Holy Bible contains rules of conduct,

it is not just a rule book. It reveals God's heart—a Father's heart, full of love and compassion. The Holy Bible tells you what you need to know and believe to be saved from sin and evil and how to live a life that is truly worth living, no matter what your current circumstances may be.

The Holy Bible consists of two main sections: the Old Testament (including Psalms and Proverbs) and the New Testament (Matthew through Revelation). The Old Testament records God's interaction with mankind before He sent His son to redeem us, while recording prophecy predicting that coming. The New Testament tells us of God's Son and Anointed One, Jesus, and the wonderful salvation that He purchased for us.

The same Holy Spirit who inspired the Holy Bible is living amongst us today, and He is happy to help you understand what He intended as you study His Word. Just ask Him, and He is more than happy to help you apply His message to your life.

The Old Testament was originally written mostly in Hebrew. The New Testament was originally written mostly in the common street Greek (not the formal Greek used for official legal matters). The Holy Bible is translated into many languages, and being translated into many more, so that everyone may have an opportunity to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ ["Christ" means "Anointed One"].

WHY WAS THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE TRANSLATED?

There are already many good translations of the Holy Bible into contemporary English. Unfortunately, almost all of them are restricted by copyright and copyright-holder policy. This restricts the publication and republication of God's Word in many ways, such as in downloadable files on the Internet, the use of extensive quotations in books, etc. The Edge Life Bible was commissioned by God in response to prayer about this subject.

Because the Edge Life Bible is in the Public Domain (not copyrighted), it can be freely copied, distributed, and redistributed without any payment of royalties. You don't even have to ask permission to do so. You may publish the whole Edge Life Bible in book form, bind it in

leather and sell it. You may incorporate it into your Bible study software.

You may make and distribute audio recordings of it. You may broadcast it. All you have to do is maintain the integrity of God's Word before God, and reserve the name "Edge Life Bible" for faithful copies of this translation.

HOW WAS THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE TRANSLATED?

The Edge Life Bible is an update of the American Standard Version (ASV) of the Holy Bible, published in 1901. A custom computer program updated the archaic words and word forms to contemporary equivalents, and then a team of volunteers proofread and updated the grammar. The New Testament was updated to conform to the Majority Text reconstruction of the original Greek manuscripts, thus taking advantage of the superior access to manuscripts that we have now compared to when the original ASV was translated.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE?

The style of the Edge Life Bible, while fairly literally translated, is in informal, spoken English.

The Edge Life Bible is designed to sound good and be accurate when read aloud. It is not formal in its language, just as the original Greek of the New Testament was not formal.

The ELB uses contractions rather freely.

The Edge Life Bible New Testament does capitalise pronouns pertaining to God. The original manuscripts made no such distinction. Hebrew has no such thing as upper and lower case, and the original Greek manuscripts were written in all upper-case letters. Attempting to add in such a distinction raises some difficulties in translating dual-meaning Scriptures such as the coronation psalms. The Edge Life Bible main edition translates God's Proper Name in the Old Testament as "Yahweh." The International British Edition of the Edge Life Bible translates the same name as "LORD" (all capital letters), or when used with "Lord" (mixed case, translated from "Adonai",) GOD. There are solid translational arguments for both traditions.

Because World English Bible uses the Majority Text as the basis for the New Testament, you may notice the following differences in comparing the ELB to other translations:

The order of Matthew 23:13 and 14 is reversed in some translations.

Luke 17:36 and Acts 15:34, which are not found in the majority of the Greek Manuscripts (and are included in the ELB) may be included in some other translations.

Romans 14:24-26 in the ELB may appear as Romans 16:25-27 in other translations.

1 John 5:7-8 contains an addition in some translations, including the KJV. Erasmus admitted adding this text to his published Greek New Testament, even though he could at

first find no Greek manuscript support for it, because he was being pressured by men to do so, and because he didn't see any doctrinal harm in it. Lots of things not written by John in this letter are true, but we decline to add them to what the Holy Spirit inspired through John.

With all of the above and some other places where lack of clarity in the original manuscripts has led to multiple possible readings, significant variants are as a result we've used wisdom from the Holy Spirit whether they are added into the text.

We are concerned of the growing support of relegating any text that is too uncomfortable for the reader down into the footnotes in tiny print. The Edge Life Bible bring all the Holy Scripture out into the main text using [] to show the reader it may not be the original text or it is often and explanation of the previous word for better clarity.

Many online versions of the Bible and apps don't have the words of Jesus in RED, the Edge Life Bible does. We find it very helpful to the reader.

Plus, we also include a PDF of the Scriptures for the reader to download at no cost, to share or use for personal or group study.

The reading that in our prayerful judgement is best is in the main text. Overall, the Edge Life Bible doesn't differ very much from several other good contemporary English translations of the Holy Bible.

The message of Salvation through Jesus Christ is still the same. The point of this translation was not to be very different (except for legal status), but to update the ASV for readability while retaining or improving the accuracy of that well-respected translation and retaining the public domain status of the ASV.

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