

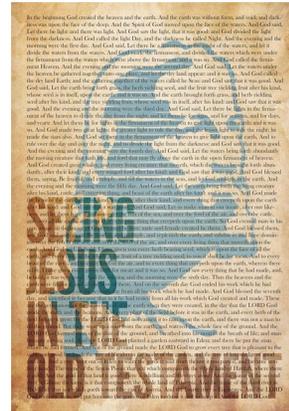


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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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"Philemon Fascinations"

Recently I was asked a series of questions about the little book of Philemon. “Why is it in the Bible? What does it teach us about the Christian faith? How does it apply to my life?” Great questions indeed! Let’s take a look...

Philemon, we gather, was a well-known individual in the early church. He also had a slave named Onesimus. At some point, however, Onesimus stole something from Philemon, and instead of turning himself in, decides to run away. While on the run, Onesimus meets the apostle Paul, a popular preacher gone prisoner. After hanging around Paul for awhile—and by the work of the Holy Spirit—Onesimus comes to believe what Paul preaches, and confesses Jesus as Lord.

So far, so good, but the fallout between Onesimus and Philemon was still a big elephant in the room. Philemon, remember, was a pretty big deal. Lots of people loved him, and lots of people also knew what Onesimus had done to him. There was plenty of finger pointing, and people were hurting.

Including Paul, who was pretty close to everyone involved. What fascinates me is how Paul handled the whole thing when he wrote his letter to Philemon. I’ll focus on just

three things.

First, watch carefully how Paul begins: “Paul, a *prisoner* for Christ Jesus” (Philemon 1). Interestingly, nowhere else at the beginning of any of Paul’s letters does he introduce himself in this way—“Paul, a prisoner”—*even in the other letters he writes while in prison*. Usually it’s “Paul the servant,” or “Paul an apostle,” and so on. Even though Paul can’t wait to make a plea for Onesimus, the runaway slave, Paul begins his letter by broadcasting how he himself is in many ways even less than a slave, even less than the very vulnerable one for whom he will soon plead.

Next, I’m also struck by how Paul speaks of Onesimus to Philemon. From what we can gather, Paul probably knew Philemon pretty well. They go way back. Throughout the letter, Paul keeps talking about how much he *loves* Philemon, and that he *loves* how much Philemon *loves* the Lord and *loves* other Christians. There’s a lot of love going on between these “beloved brothers.” With that said, note how Paul then speaks of Onesimus in Philemon 16 with *the exact same status*: a “beloved brother.”

Finally, after Paul *empties himself* and *fills others with the love of God*, he then takes a good look at the situation between Philemon and Onesimus and asks how he might *bear some of the burden*: “If he [Onesimus] has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it” (Philemon 18). In the end, Paul pleads, “[R]eceive him, as you would receive me” (Philemon 17).

Does all this sound familiar? 1) Emptying the self. 2) Filling others with the love of God. 3) Covering in any way possible what needs to be covered.

We may not be first-century slaves like Onesimus was, but we know that everyone who commits sin is a *slave* to sin (Jn. 8:34). And it just so happens that the only way we’re freed from this kind of slavery, is from a Slave par excellence. So it is that in this little letter to Philemon, Paul does everything he can to *put this Slave of slaves on display*.

Or you could put it this way, as Paul himself did in another one of his letters: “have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a **SLAVE**, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:5-8).

As you ponder Paul’s punchline to Philemon about receiving Onesimus as Philemon would receive Paul himself, ponder even more carefully how the One who made himself the worst Onesimus for our sake, still, to this very moment, pleads repeatedly with our heavenly Father along the same lines: “receive *them*, as you would receive me.”

Dr. Brian German

Director of the Concordia Bible Institute



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The book of Revelation is widely known for how it speaks about things that are way “up there” and way “down the road.” While this is most certainly true, its real greatness is in the many fascinating ways it reveals the “right here” and the “right now” of what is taking place in Christian worship. Come take a fresh look at this challenging book on September 20, 27, and October 4 from 6:30–8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin with Dr. Brian German, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute. Registration is highly encouraged. There is no fee for registration, but a freewill offering will be collected.

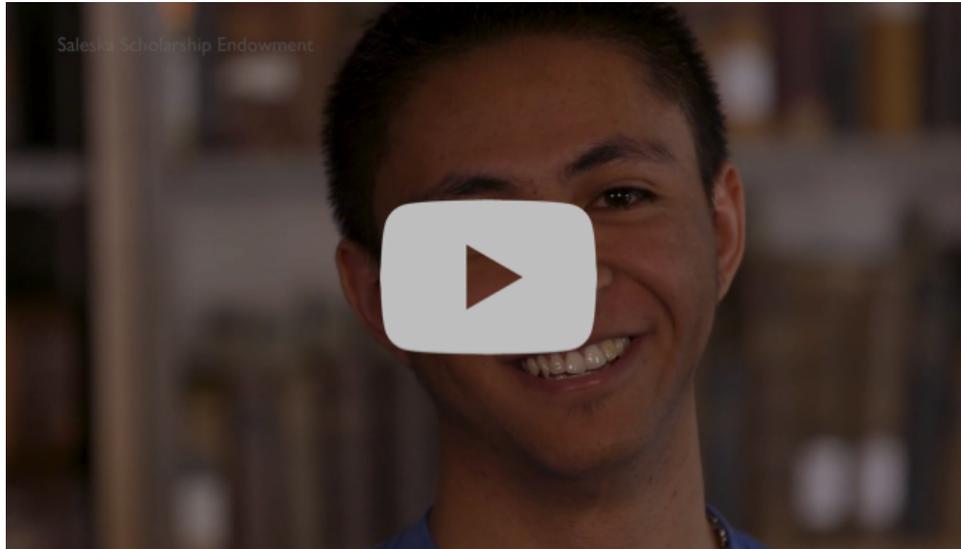
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Psalm 114 Jeremiah 35-37	3 Psalm 115 Jeremiah 38-40	4 Psalm 116 Jeremiah 41-43	5 Psalm 117 Jeremiah 44-47	6 Psalm 118 Jeremiah 48-50	7 Psalm 119:1-8 Jeremiah 51-52	8 Psalm 119:9-16 Lamentations 1-2
9 Psalm 119:17-24 Lamentations 3-5	10 Psalm 119:25-32 Ezekiel 1-3	11 Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 4-6	12 Psalm 119:41-48 Ezekiel 7-9	13 Psalm 119:49-56 Ezekiel 10-12	14 Psalm 119:57-64 Ezekiel 13-15	15 Psalm 119:65-72 Ezekiel 16-18
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30 Psalm 121 Hosea 1-4	31 Jonah 2:2-9 Hosea 5-7					



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