

the book of PHILEMON the gospel changes EVERYTHING

Part 3: Philemon 8-20

Introduction. The Gospel changes everything.

The Gospel changes everyone and everything that it comes into contact with. Do you believe that? Have you experienced that? Are you willing to submit your life, in faith, hope and TRUST that this fact is true?

Today we continue our series with Paul appealing to the faith of Philemon and reminding Philemon of the power of Christ that lives inside of him.

Sermon Notes.

A. Review from last week:

- The Gospel changes everything by CHANGING INDIVIDUALS
- The Gospel Changes everything by CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS
- A gospel-changed-person is most noticeable through gospel-changed-relationships
- Paul doesn't use his OWN POWER to appeal to Philemon, but appeals to the POWER already inside of him: *the hope and glory of Christ*

B. Paul Appeals to Philemon:

- *God's goal is to more and more draw Christ out of us*
- *Paul wants Philemon to act with the* _____.
- *Paul wants Philemon to view things from* _____.
- *Paul wants Philemon and Onesimus to meet* _____.
- *Paul models the Jesus-ethic:* _____.

Additional Notes

Questions for Reflection.

What do you think Paul wants Philemon to do with Onesimus? Why?

Why do you think Paul doesn't coerce Philemon to do anything specific but instead encourages

him to make his own decision based on “love rather than compulsion?”

Paul’s view of the Christian life can be summed up in four words: *my life for yours*. Do you agree or disagree? What area of your own life or relationship is God calling you to “die to self” in and sacrifice for?