

2 to obey in every good work; to speak  
 evil of no man; not to vituperate, but  
 to be peaceable, well behaved; show-  
 3 ing courtesy to all men. For we  
 ourselves also were once thoughtless,  
 disobedient, unsettled, slaving for lusts  
 and various pleasures, passing our lives  
 in vice and depravity, hateful and  
 4 hating each other. But when the  
 kindness and philanthropy of God our  
 5 Saviour appeared—not as the result  
 of what we had accomplished in works  
 of righteousness, but as the effect of  
 His own mercy—He saved us, by a  
 laver of regeneration and restoration  
 6 of a spirit of holiness, which He richly  
 poured out upon us through our  
 7 Saviour Jesus Christ; so that being  
 made righteous by that gift we might  
 become by hope inheritors of eternal  
 life.

8 This matter is true; and I desire you  
 to constantly insist upon these things,  
 so that the believers in God may stand  
 forth as being anxious for a noble life—  
 that is noble and profitable to men.

But prohibit foolish discussions, and  
 9 genealogies, and quarrels, and legal  
 contentions; for they are profitless and  
 vain. Depose a pretentious man after  
 10 advising him once or twice; perceiving  
 11 that such men dodge and sin although  
 self-convicted.

When I send Artemas to you, or  
 12 Tychicus, make haste to come to me  
 in Nicopolis; for I have decided to  
 winter there.

Provide at once for Zenas the lawyer,  
 13 and Apollos, so that nothing may be  
 wanting to them; and, further, let our  
 14 people learn to advance in noble  
 habits, so that they may not be indif-  
 ferent towards those who are in want.

All my companions send regards to  
 15 you.

Regards to all who love us in faith.  
 May blessing be with you all!

*(The Epistle to Titus, the first appointed  
 overseer of Crete, was written from Nico-  
 polis of Macedonia, about the year 67  
 A.D.)*

## EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO PHILEMON.

1 **PAUL**, a prisoner for Christ Jesus,  
 and the brother Timothy, to our  
 friend and fellow-worker Phile-  
 mon, and to the dear Apphia, and  
 to our fellow-soldier Archippus,  
 2 and to the congregation in your  
 3 house: Blessing and peace to you  
 from our Father God, and Lord  
 Jesus Christ.

4 When I give thanks to my God, I  
 always make mention of you in my  
 5 prayers; for I hear of your love, and  
 the faith which you have to the Lord  
 6 Jesus and to all the holy, so that your  
 energetic unity in the Faith may ad-  
 vance into a recognition of every benefit  
 7 there is for us in Christ. For I had  
 pleasure and consolation from your  
 friendship; and, brother, the feelings  
 of the holy are comforted by you.

8 Although I might have complete  
 freedom in Christ to demand an un-  
 9 usual thing of you, I would rather  
 beg it for love—I am your old Paul,  
 now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

I beg of you for my son Onesimus,  
 10 whom I have begotten in my captivity  
 —he who was once useless to you,  
 11 but now useful both to you and me—  
 whom I have sent back. And now  
 12 receive him, for he is my darling;  
 whom I would like to have retained  
 13 with me, so that instead of you, he  
 might serve me in the bondage of the  
 gospel. But without your consent I  
 14 wished to do nothing; so that your  
 benevolence might not be from  
 necessity, but out of free will.  
 Perhaps, for this reason indeed, he  
 15 was removed from you for a short  
 time, so that you might have him  
 back for ever; no longer as a slave,  
 16 but more than a slave, a dear brother—  
 especially so to me—but how much  
 more to you, both in body and in the  
 Lord! If, therefore, you have any  
 17 sympathy with me, receive him as  
 myself.

But if he has wronged or owes you  
 18 anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, 19

have written with my own hand, I will repay it. Yet I need not tell you that you also owe your own self to me.

20 No, brother, make me happy in the Lord spontaneously; comfort my feelings in Christ.

21 I have written to you, confident of your acquiescence: for I know that you

22 will do more than I ask. And therefore, also, prepare me a lodging; for I hope by your prayers to be welcomed by you.

Epaphras, my fellow-soldier in 23  
Christ Jesus, and my fellow-workers, 24  
Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke,  
send regards to you.

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

(Written to Philemon, from Rome, about  
62 or 63 A.D., and conveyed through Onesimus, a domestic.)

## THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS.

**The Pre-eminent Majesty and Honour  
of the Lord Jesus Christ by Reason  
of His Atonement.**

1 **G**OD, having of old spoken to our  
forefathers in many portions  
2 and many forms, by the prophets, at  
last in these times has spoken to us  
by a Son; Whom He appointed  
Inheritor of all; and through Whom  
3 He made the ages; Who—being the  
effulgence of His grandeur, and the  
representative of His essence, sup-  
porting all things by His powerful  
Decree—having made a purification  
from sins, seated Himself in right of the  
4 Majesty on high; thus becoming by  
so much superior to the Messengers,  
inasmuch as He inherited a more  
5 distinguished Power than they. For  
when did He ever say to any of the  
Messengers?—

YOU ARE MY SON,  
TO-DAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU ?<sup>1</sup>  
And again,  
I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM,  
AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME.<sup>2</sup>

But respecting the Son: 8  
GREAT PRINCE, YOUR THRONE IS  
FOR EVER AND EVER;  
AND THE SCEPTRE OF JUSTICE IS  
THE SCEPTRE OF YOUR KINGDOM.  
YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUS- 9  
NESS, AND HATED LAWLESS-  
NESS;  
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS  
ANOINTED YOU  
WITH A DELIGHTFUL OIL ABOVE  
YOUR ASSOCIATES.<sup>1</sup>  
AND, YOU, LORD, HAVE FOUNDED 10  
THE EARTH OF OLD,  
AND THE SKIES ARE THE WORK  
OF YOUR HANDS;  
THEY SHALL BE DESTROYED, BUT 11  
YOU WILL REMAIN;  
AND ALL SHALL GROW OLD AS  
A GARMENT,  
AND YOU SHALL FOLD THEM AS A 12  
CLOAK,  
AND THEY SHALL BE CHANGED:  
BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,  
AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT BE  
ECLIPSED.<sup>2</sup>

And when did He say to any of the 13