

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
JULY 4, 2021

READY TO RECEIVE BACK A SINNER
PHILEMON 17-25

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Paul's request of Philemon then shows us that Christ's work to save us must always frame our response towards our Christian brothers today.

- I.** Paul's Requests (v.17-20)
- II.** Philemon's Response (v.21-22)
- III.** A Gracious Conclusion (v.23-25)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Can you relate to the weight of the requests Paul made of Philemon? How have you faced a similar situation?
2. Has a brother or sister in Christ ever wronged you? Have you been able to forgive them, or do you still hold it against them? Has your shared fellowship in Christ been effective in restoring that relationship?
3. How do you refresh the hearts of the saints? How do you reflect Christ in ministering to brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. Why do we need Christ's grace to do the right thing and respond the right way when reconciliation is needed?

FURTHER READING: 2 Cor 12:9; Col 2:14; Col 4:10-14