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Greeting: "Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philemon 1:1, 3)



The Love and Faith of Philemon: "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the that your partnership with us effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."

Since he was a slave who had stolen from his boss and escaped, Onesimus was in serious danger of death if he returned. Scary!

What freed Onesimus from his fear? What transformed Onesimus?

What does the armor of God have to do with this story?

- 1. The zeal to announce the gospel of peace.
- 2. The Shield of Faith.