



GRANGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcomes you this morning!

JAN 10, 2021

PHILEMON 12

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sending my very heart.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship—Ephesians 2:4-5

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
Only a Holy God*

Reading—1 Samuel 18:1-5

Prayer of Praise

My Song is Love Unknown

Congregational Reading—The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Petition & Thanksgiving

Sermon—Philemon 8-16

"The Love of Reconciliation"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

All I Have is Christ

Benediction—1 John 4:7

SERMON NOTES—PHILEMON 8-16

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have towards the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

SUGGESTED PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for his selfless love to reconcile us to himself in Jesus!
- Praise Jesus for loving us to the end despite our own lovelessness
- Praise God that, by his Spirit, he is equipping us to know and show this reconciling love to others
- Praise God for his sovereign grace; that he is willing and able to bring eternal good out of our temporary rifts
- Praise God that he is sovereignly at work in Brisbane's lockdown for his good purposes

- Confess our need of God to fill our hearts with this reconciling love
- Confess any bitterness towards brothers and sisters in Christ
- Confess any unwillingness to reconcile with fellow believers

- Thank God for the peace, love, and unity we're experiencing at Grange Baptist Church
- Thank God for the political stability we enjoy here in Australia
- Thank God for his good gifts to us this past week

- Ask God, by his Spirit, to give us a Christlike reconciling love for those who wrong us
- Ask God to preserve life in Queensland, Australia, and the world
- Ask God to give wisdom to Dr Jeannette Young
- Ask God to bring rest and reconciliation to the US
- Ask God to bring us together next Sunday
- Pray for Nitin's preparation for his baptism next Sunday, and for his peace in the event of its delay