PHILEMON – LESSON ONE

I. SALUTATIONS AND THE CHARACTER OF PHILEMON (v. 1-7).

- A. Salutations
 - 1. Greetings of God's favor and peace.
 - 2. From Paul a prisoner
 - 3. Timothy, a brother in Christ is with Paul.
 - 4. To Philemon a beloved fellow-worker.
 - a. Also Apphia sister in Christ
 - b. Also Archippus fellow-soldier.
 - c. Also the church meeting in house.
- B. Character of Philemon
 - 1. Paul thankful in his prayers for Philemon's love and faith.
 - a. Love and faith expressed in serving the Lord and the saints.
 - 2. The sharing of love and faith will be effectual unto truly knowing the Lord.
 - 3. Paul has much joy and comfort in Philemon for his love has refreshed the hearts of the saints.
 - 4. A true brother in the Lord.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is Paul's description of himself?
 How does such description set the tone for the Letter?
- 2. Who was with Paul at this time?
- 3. What do we know about *Apphia* and *Archippus*?
- 4. What *two qualities* did Philemon possess?
- 5. How would Paul know that Philemon had such qualities?
- 6. What is effectual in leading us to a true knowledge of Christ?
- 7. What did the saints enjoy through Philemon living as a Christian?