

Philemon: Runaway Slaves

"Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who has made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3 (ESV)

Hosea 3:3,4 - It was _____ that led Hosea to _____ back his wife.

Philemon's Runaway Slave

A. The man for whom this book is named:

- 1:1,2 - He was a _____ fellow _____ with Paul.
- 1:7 - He had _____ the _____ of the saints.
- 1:19 - Philemon _____ Paul his own _____.
- 1:22 - He was able to provide a _____ _____ for Paul.

B. The runaway slave:

- 1:10 - Paul became Onesimus' _____ while in _____.
- 1:11 - The slave had formerly been _____ to Philemon but was now _____. His name meant _____.
- 1:12-14 - Paul was sending him _____ to Philemon, "sending my very _____".
- 1:18 - Paul would _____ Philemon for any _____ he may have suffered because of Onesimus.
- 1:21 - Paul had _____ Philemon would do as asked.

C. Colossians 4:9 - Onesimus was a _____ and beloved _____.

Seeing Ourselves As Runaway Slaves

A. Psalm 100:3 - It is _____ who _____ us, and we are _____. We are the _____ of His pasture.

B. Christians, runaway slaves returned to the Lord:

- 1 Corinthians 7:21-23 - Those who are _____ should see themselves as _____ of Christ.
- Matthew 25:14,15 - Jesus often used slaves in His _____.
- Matthew 10:14,15 - _____ are to see ourselves as _____.
- 2 Timothy 2:24 - We are to be _____ to _____, and patiently endure _____, because we are servants.
- Romans 6:16-18 - Everyone is a _____, whether of _____ or of _____.
- 1 Peter 2:16 - We must _____ as servants of _____.

C. John 15:15 - Ultimately, Jesus doesn't just see us as servants, but as His _____.

Was it _____ for Onesimus to return to his master? *Or us?*

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