

How We Are Related in Christ (Part 2)—Philemon

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Faith in Christ changes not only one's relationship with God the Father, but one's relationship with other believers as well. In his epistle to Philemon, Paul refers to various relationships that he shares with others who know the Lord Jesus, which, if we can appreciate them, open for us a rich and wonderful understanding of our lives together with other believers in Christ. Last week, we considered...

1. Relationships within the service of Christ.
 - a. Fellow-prisoner (1, 9, 23)
 - b. Fellow-Laborer (1, 24)
 - c. Fellow-Soldier (2)

This morning, we will consider...

2. Relationships within the family of Christ.
 - a. Paternal: the relationship of parents and children
 - (1) God is the Father of believers.

 - (2) Mature believers are the parents of those whom they disciple.

 - b. Fraternal: the relationship between brothers and sisters