

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 29, 2024**  
**Philemon Series**  
**“Looking at the Image Bearer”**

**Week 1:**

Scripture Focus: **Philemon** 1:1-7

**v.1-3**

1) **Philemon** was a **wealthy** Colossian who allowed the use of his **home** for Church **meetings**.

2) The **letter** to the **Colossians** was carried **together** with the letter to **Philemon**.

3) Paul shares his **desire** for God’s **grace** and **peace** to be experienced by the **Church**.

**Context of the Reading:**

The letter to the **Colossians** was more than likely **read** right before the letter to **Philemon**, so the **one** helps us **understand** the **other**.

Scripture Reference: **Colossians** 4:8-9

**v. 5-7**

We often look for **bad motivations** from people, but Paul is showing that we should **look** for the **good**.

Scripture Reference: **Colossians** 4:6

God is calling us to see **people** as his **image bearers** who are **lost** to **sin**.

Our **words** and **actions** are **fighting** against **spiritual** forces, not **fleshly** ones.

Scripture Reference: **Ephesians** 6:12

**Challenge:**

Pray for someone who infuriates you, then list the things that they do well, and ask God how you may do something kind for them this week.