

17. ^bεἰ. οὐν ^bμε ἔχεις κολωνόν, ^aπρὸς λαβού^① ^aαὐτὸν ὡς ἐμέ.

-1. Mere reception of the returnee is denied in this verse where the word used indicates "to receive one unto oneself." An intimate reception is in order. Onesimus is to be received by Philemon as if he were Paul himself.

-a..a Here is the aorist imperative showing the fulfilled condition of the sentence very positively: "Receive him (punctiliar) as me."

-b..b A first class conditional sentence occurs here. The protasis being in the indicative the condition suggested in it must be seen as either completely positive or negative. As Philemon certainly had Paul as a partner the condition and the resultant clause are determined as fulfilled and the reading is: "Since you have me as a partner."

Resultant Reading:

...Since you have me as a partner, receive him as myself.