

## I. Parallel Passages

As a completed book there is no general reference to parallel passages. But there are like subjects touched upon in other epistles and there is similar phraseology place to place.

The relation of servants and masters, which parallels the thrust of the Epistle is dealt with in Col. 3:22-4:1, Eph. 6:5-7, and Rom. 14:11; (although this latter deals more in a sense of general service.)

The teaching concerning the lack of personal ingratiating, that is the equality of all believers, is paralleled in Gal. 5:6, 1 Cor. 3, Rom. 14, and numerous other individual passages. These in effect add nothing to our knowledge of the matter of Philemon and Onesimus but show that Paul's conduct was fitting in accord with his own teaching.

Apart from these there are passages already cited in the historical section identifying Philemon and Onesimus and showing the character of the church. Other passages have been noted to show that the loving action of Paul was only one such as was in keeping with his character and apostolic heart.