

Structure of Paul's letter to Philemon compared with a typical personal letter of the time.

	PAYPYRUS PERSONAL LETTER FROM APION TO HIS FATHER.	PAULS LETTER TO PHILEMON
INTRODUCTION		
A. Salutation		
1. Sender	Apion	Paul; Timothy
2. Recipient	Epimichus	Philemon; Apphia; Archipuus; his household
3. Greeting	Greetings	Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
B. Thanksgiving & Prayer	Prays for their well being and thanks god for a safe journey	I thank God always when I remember you in my prayers
CENTRAL SECTION		
C. Body	Statement about wages; Hopes for advancement.	Paul asks Philemon to 'accept' Onesimus.
D. Commands and comments	Urges father to write to him about the family	Receive him as you would me... Charge that to my account. Refresh my heart in Christ Prepare a guest room for me.
CONCLUSION		
E. Greetings to	Capito; my brother, my sister; Serinella and my friends	Absent but present in other letters; implicit in the 'you' which seems to equal the recipients
Greetings from	Serenus ;?; Turbo?	Epaphras; Mark; Aristarchus; Demas; Luke; my fellow workers
F. Closing or Benediction	Absent in this case due to text illegible, but usually 'Farewell'	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.