**THE HEART OF CHRIST**

1. Read verses 1-3. How does Paul introduce himself? (1a) How does he describe the recipients? (1b,2; Eph 6:12; 2Ti 2:3) What blessings did he ask for them? (3) What does this tell us about the New Testament church?
2. Read verses 4-7. What was Paul's thanksgiving topic? What is faith? (Jn 6:29) How can one share it? What is love? (1Jn 4:16,19) How can we show it to others?
3. Read verses 8-16. Who was Onesimus? What does his name mean? How had he been changed?
4. Read verses 17-21. What specific request did Paul make? How did he back up his request and show its importance? How did he expect Philemon's relationship with Onesimus to change? What does Paul mean by saying "...knowing that you will do even more than I ask"?
5. Read verses 22-25. Where was Paul? What was his hope and plan? Who are the people whom Paul introduces? How does he introduce each one? How does this short letter reveal the heart of Christ in Paul?