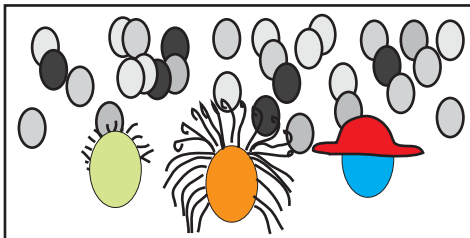
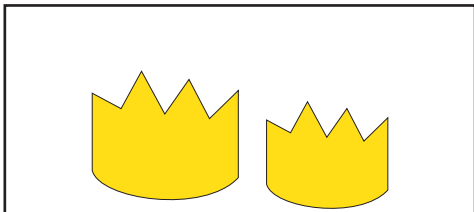


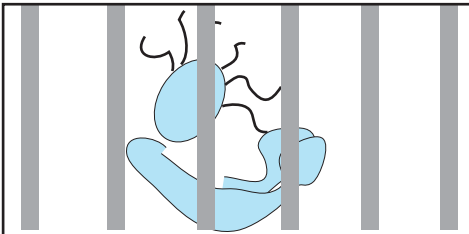
I AM PAUL, A PRISONER FOR THE MESSIAH, JESUS, AND ALSO TIMOTHY, THE BROTHER.



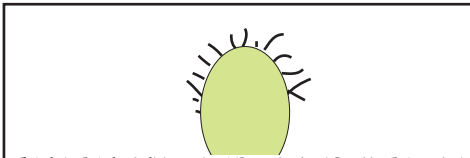
TO OUR BELOVED COWORKER PHILEMON, TO APPHIA OUR SISTER, TO ARCHIPPUS OUR FELLOW SOLDIER, AND TO THE GROUP MEETING IN YOUR HOUSE.



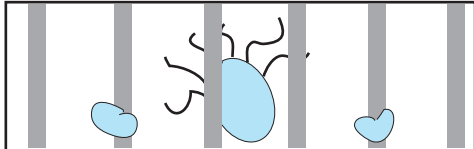
WE WISH FAVOR AND PEACE FOR YOU FROM GOD, OUR FATHER, AND THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH. I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD.



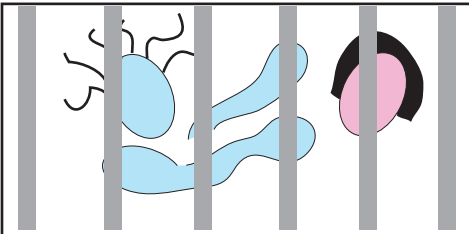
I ALWAYS MENTION YOU IN MY PRAYERS. I HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR FAITH. YOU HAVE IT TOWARD THE LORD JESUS, AND FOR ALL THE HOLY PEOPLE.



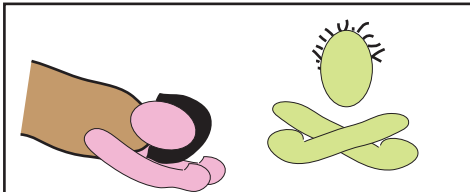
THEN THE FELLOWSHIP OF YOUR FAITH CAN BECOME EFFECTIVE. YOU CAN KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD TO US IN THE MESSIAH. YOUR LOVE GIVES ME A LOT OF HAPPINESS AND COMFORT, BECAUSE YOU REFRESH THE AFFECTIONS OF THE HOLY PEOPLE, BROTHER.



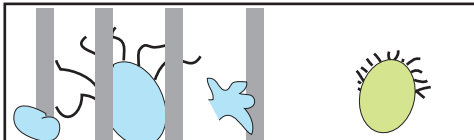
I POSSESS MORE THAN ENOUGH CONFIDENCE IN THE MESSIAH TO ORDER YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. INSTEAD, OUT OF LOVE, I AM JUST MAKING A REQUEST, SINCE I AM PAUL, THE OLD MAN, AND I AM CURRENTLY IN JAIL FOR THE MESSIAH, JESUS.



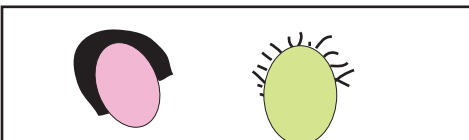
MY REQUEST REGARDS MY CHILD I GAVE BIRTH TO HIM WHILE I WAS IN JAIL. HIS NAME IS ONESIMUS. HE WAS USELESS TO YOU. NOW HE IS USEFUL BOTH TO ME AND TO YOU.



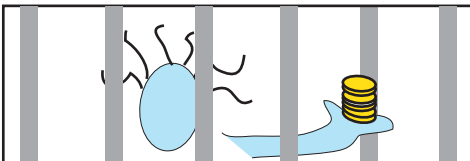
I RETURNED HIM BACK TO YOU BY HIMSELF. HE IS SPECIAL TO ME. I WANTED TO KEEP HIM FOR MYSELF THEN HE COULD SERVE ME FOR YOUR SAKE, SINCE I AM IN PRISON FOR THE GOOD NEWS.



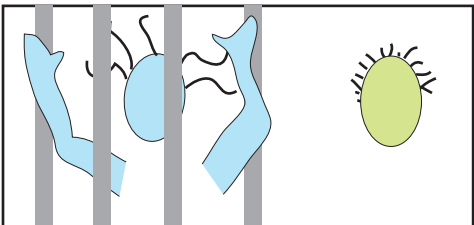
BUT WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT, I DID NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING. I DID NOT WANT TO FORCE YOU TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. I WANTED YOU TO DO IT WILLINGLY.



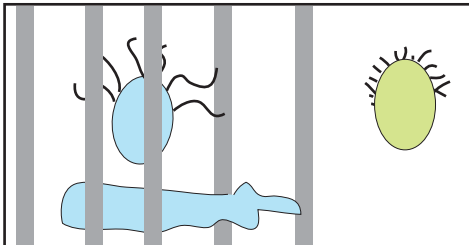
HE WAS ONLY SEPARATED FROM YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE. NOW YOU GET HIM BACK FOREVER. HE IS NO LONGER JUST A SLAVE. HE IS MORE THAN A SLAVE. HE IS A DEAR BROTHER, AND ESPECIALLY TO ME. HE IS EVEN MORE SPECIAL TO YOU BOTH PHYSICALLY AND IN THE LORD.



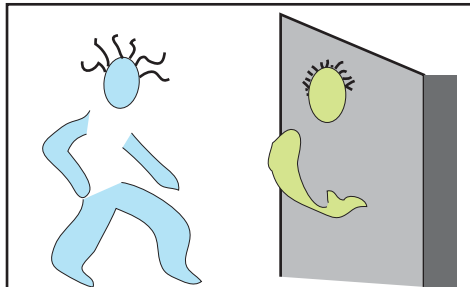
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON WITH ME, ACCEPT HIM LIKE IT WAS ME. IF HE HAS WRONGED YOU, OR IF HE OWES ANYTHING TO YOU, THEN CHARGE IT TO ME. I AM PAUL. I WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL PAY.



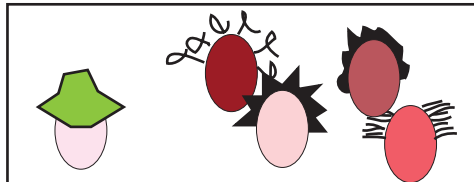
I DO NOT NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR OWN LIFE. YES, BROTHER. GIVE ME SOME BENEFIT IN THE LORD. REFRESH MY AFFECTIONS IN THE MESSIAH.



I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL OBEY WHAT I WROTE. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL DO BEYOND WHAT I ASK.



PREPARE A BED FOR ME. THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, I HOPE THAT I CAN VISIT YOU.



EPAPHRAS, MY FELLOW WARRIOR IN THE MESSIAH, JESUS, GREET'S YOU. MARK, ARISTARCHUS, DEMAS, AND LUKE, MY COWORKERS, GREET YOU. MAY THE FAVOR OF THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH, BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.