

A close-up photograph of dark, wet pebbles. The pebbles are small, rounded, and have a glossy sheen from water. They are scattered across the bottom half of the frame. Overlaid on the pebbles is the word "PHILEMON" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of light blue and white circles, suggesting a shallow depth of field. The overall composition is horizontal and centered.

PHILEMON

**Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus,  
and Timothy our brother,**

**To Philemon our beloved fellow  
worker and Apphia our sister and  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and  
the church in your house:**

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**Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.**

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**I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,**

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**and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.**

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**For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.**

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**Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—**

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**I appeal to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I became  
in my imprisonment.**

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