



**Philemon**  
**Part Two: Follow Christ Not Culture**  
**By Louie Marsh, 3-13-2022**

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**2) I \_\_\_\_\_ people's choices.**

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**3) I \_\_\_\_\_ for God's sovereignty.**

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*"<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ." (Philemon 17–20, ESV)*

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