

to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man ; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith ; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able with all saints to comprehend the breadth and length, and depth and height thereof. And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Seldom in these letters does he refer to his helpless condition, except by way of apology for his barely-decipherable signature, "which was the token in every epistle." Not once does he bewail the injustice of his imprisonment, nor ask that means shall be taken to bring about his release.

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without," he writes to Colossae, "redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. All that concerns me will be made known to you by Tychicus, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord : whom I have sent to you for this very end, that he might learn your state and comfort your hearts ; with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, your fellow-countryman ; they will tell you all that has happened here. . . . The salutation of me, Paul, with my own hand. Remember my chain. Grace be with you."

What then had happened? Onesimus, the fugitive slave, was about to return to Colossae, to face the