Handout #4—Structure of Philemon (#2)

1-3 Christ
↓ Jesus
   ↓ Lord
   Jesus
   Christ
4—my prayers (for you)
↓ 5—love
   ↓ faith
   saints
7—heart
↓ faith (6)
   refreshed (7)
   ↓ brother (7)
8—Exegesis (Indicative)
9—love all the more (μᾶλλον)
↓ appeal (9)
   Paul
   aged/old
   now
   prisoner
   Christ Jesus
   appeal (10)
   my (Paul) child (Onesimus)
   I have begotten/did beget
   (my) imprisonment, Onesimus
↑
16—beloved all the more (μᾶλλον)
17—Paraenesis (Imperative)
17—If me
   (you)
   him
   me
18—If (he)
   you
   me
19—Paralepsis (Iony)  

19—I Paul write (you)

in the Lord

brother (20)

refresh (20)

↑

20—heart

refresh my heart (20)

in Christ

↑

21—I (Paul) write you

↑

22—your prayers (for me)

↑

23-25 Christ

Jesus

co-workers (24)

Lord

Jesus

Lord

Jesus

Christ
The Aperture/Greeting (vv.1-3)

Ancient Letter Format (Acts 15:23)

1. 2. 3.

Pauline Letter Format

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Paul’s variation:

Comment on the following:

Superscription (v. 1)
Adscription (v. 2)
Salutation (v. 3)

Grammatical peculiarity of the Aperture: Significance

Paul’s self-designation = ____________ Usual is ____________. Why not here?

“of Christ Jesus” is a possessive genitive (grammatically). Explain

Comment: Timothy is listed second because he was Paul’s scribe for this epistle.
Why Timothy?
“beloved” = ? Who else?