

Paul's Greeting
Part Three

Introduction.

Review a brief history. Acts 14:21–23; 15:36; 16:5

Review the Problem.

Galatians 1:6–9. Under attack by the enemies of the Gospel.

Galatians 5:3–4. Serious problem

Review Paul's attitude.

Paul's greeting reveals an urgency to purify the church of the enemies of the Gospel.

1. Paul's abnormal tone in his greeting

2. Paul's apostolic authority presented in his greeting.

Paul's spiritual authority supported by his position in the ministry.

Paul's authority is also supported by his influence in the ministry.

“They made the slanderous charge that he was singular in his preaching, and desired to introduce novelty in Christian teaching. Wishing therefore to remove their suspicion, and to show he had many to support him in his doctrine, he has associated with himself “the brethren,” to show that what he wrote he wrote with their accord.” John Chrysostom

3. Paul's prayer presented in his greeting. Galatians 1:3

Define Grace and Peace.

“Grace is God's unmerited goodwill freely given and decisively effective in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Peace, on the other hand, denotes a state of wholeness and freedom that the grace of God brings.” Timothy George

Numbers 6:24 The LORD bless you, and keep you; **25** The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; **26** The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’

Source: God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

Another reference to the deity of Jesus.

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John 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

“Take careful note, then, that when any of us has to wrestle with the law, sin, death and all other evils, we must look to no other god, but to only this God, incarnate and clothed with human nature.” Martin Luther.

“In doing this, you will perceive the love, goodness, and sweetness of God; you will see his wisdom, power, and majesty sweetened and tempered to your capacity.” Luther.

Grace that provides peace through a salvation that cannot be reversed.

The grace that enables belief in the Gospel. Acts 16:14; Ephesians 2:8

“Nothing can induce or invite the mind to will or act anything any further than it is perceived or is some way or other in the mind's view.”

The mind cannot engage the will to express faith in that which the mind has never perceived. Before I can express faith in any concept or person I must have some level of perception of that concept or person.

“... For what is wholly unperceived and perfectly out of the mind's view, cannot affect the mind at all.”

If I have no conception of that which needs to be trusted my mind can never move my will to express faith in the matter being discussed.

God graciously informs the mind. Ephesians 4:20–24

The selective nature of this grace. Acts 14:18; John 6:44,65;45

The necessity of this grace. 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; 2 Tim 2:24–26

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The purity of this grace. Peter 1:1–2, 20; Ephesians 1:3–6