

## Eph. 1:1-2

- I. Author: Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God (1a)  
Paul emphasizes that his apostleship is because of God's decision and calling
- II. Recipients: to the holy and faithful ones who are in Ephesus in Christ Jesus (1b)  
The words "in Ephesus" are not in all ancient manuscripts  
This is why many think that the epistle to the Ephesians was originally a circular letter to all the churches in western Asia Minor
- III. Blessing: (2)  
A typical epistolary blessing
  - A. May grace and peace be to you (2a)  
Paul changes the typical *χαίρειν* (greetings) to *χαρις* (grace) because of His distinctly Christian outlook  
And Paul adds the typical Jewish salutation of peace (*shalom*)
  - B. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (2b)  
The Father and Jesus are given typical emphasis  
Paul is not ignoring the Spirit, but not giving Him emphasis in this place, even though Paul is fully Trinitarian