

# EPHESIANS - The salutation



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A \_\_\_\_\_ is defined as the opening phrase of a letter or speech used to address the recipient or audience. It is the initial introduction or greeting.

Today's message will focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul to the Ephesian believers. Overall, this entire letter is eloquent, composed and instructive; and the first two verses establish that meditative tone. They point us to the fact that if any believer will approach this epistle with an attitude of humility, yielding to the Spirit, it will become a gold mine of spiritual and practical truth. With a right \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward God's Word, Ephesians will enrich our lives and richly bless our hearts making us vessels meet for the master's use.

## EPHESIANS 1:1-2 - Paul's significant salutation

1. The author - verse 1a

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. An \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

- Apostle - A person sent out to execute some important business; a disciple that is \_\_\_\_\_ forth. In the early church, they were disciples sent forth by Jesus Christ - Mt. 10:1-5

c. By the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- Paul was called by the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God

- Two types of God's will

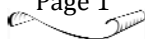
1) \_\_\_\_\_ will of God - God specifically wills certain things.  
*Those specific things can be found in the scriptures.*

2) \_\_\_\_\_ will of God - God allows things to happen that He  
*does not approve of in order to accomplish some larger purpose.*

2. The audience - verse 1b

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ which are at Ephesus

- Saint - A consecrated one; one set \_\_\_\_\_. In the Bible a saint is defined as any and \_\_\_\_\_ believer. Anyone who has received Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. \_\_\_\_\_ born again believers are saints - 1 Co. 1:2



b. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus

- Faithful – Loyal, devoted, trustworthy, staunch, dependable, dedicated, and committed; full of faith – Heb. 11:1, 6; Mt. 25:14-30

3. The attention – verse 2

a. Grace – Free favor \_\_\_\_\_ upon the undeserving – Heb. 4:16

- From God our father

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace – The absence of strife and conflict, with the presence of positive  
\_\_\_\_\_ – 3 John 2

- From the Lord Jesus Christ

*NO CHRIST – NO PEACE*

*KNOW CHRIST – KNOW PEACE*