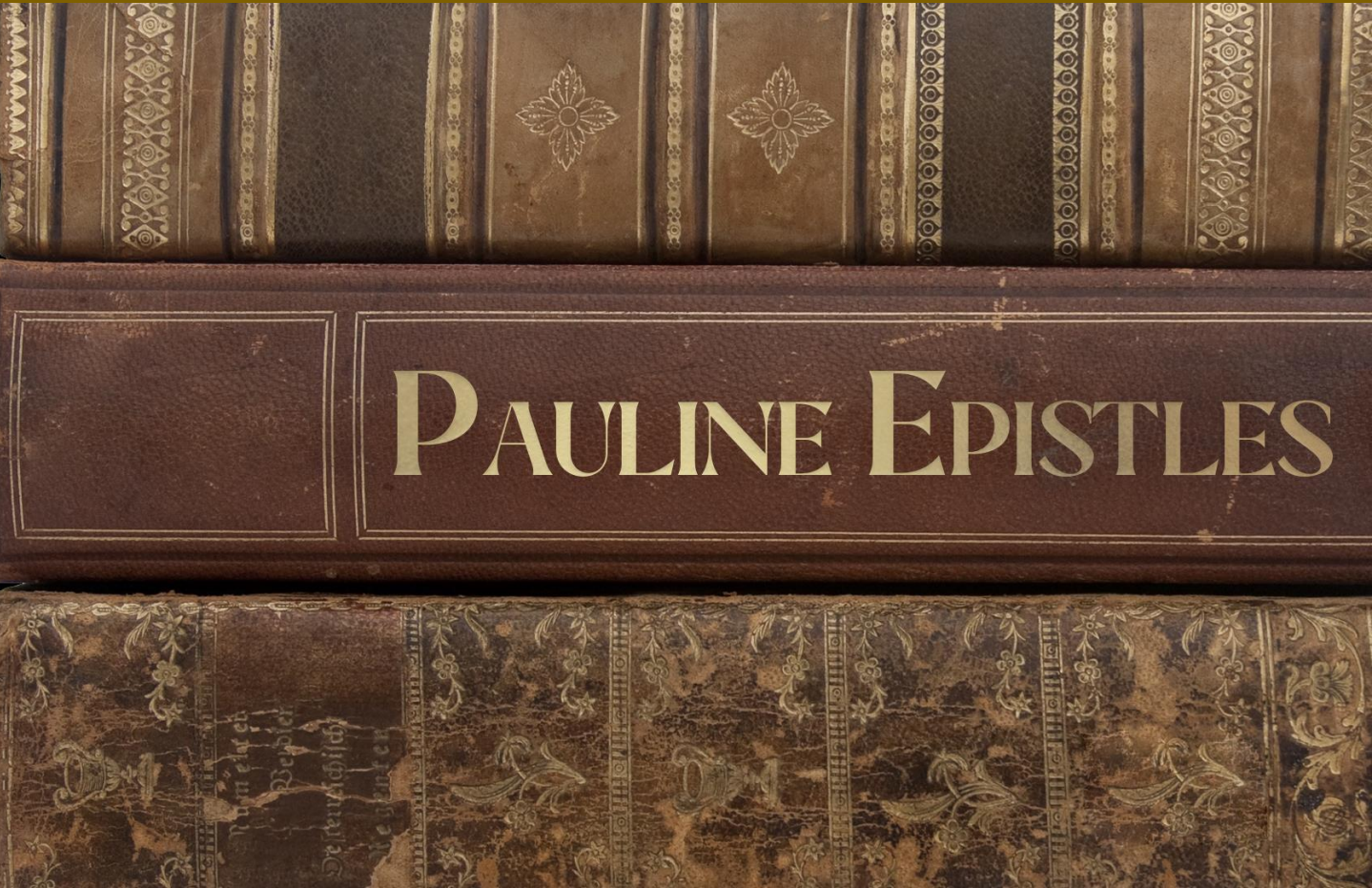
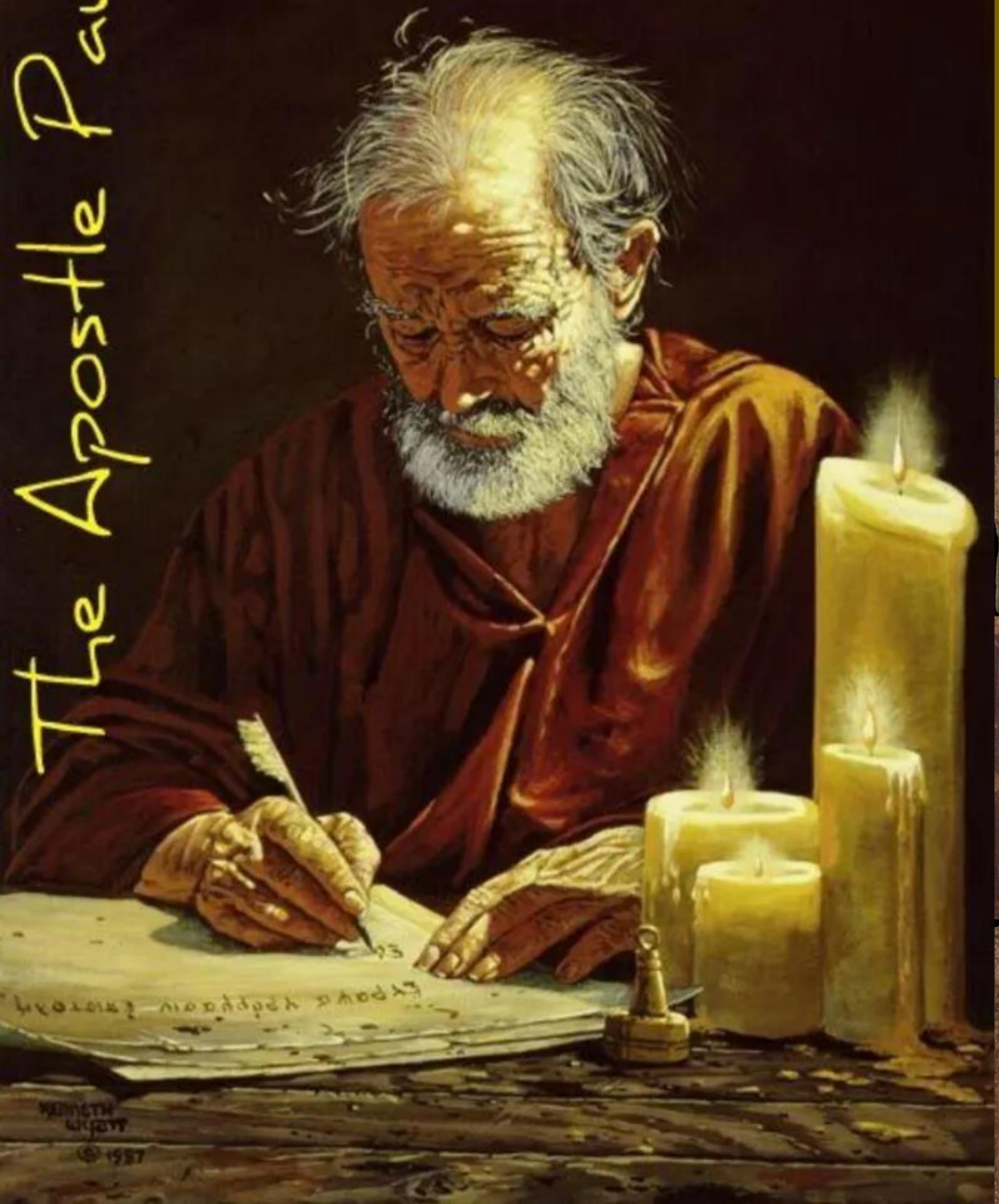


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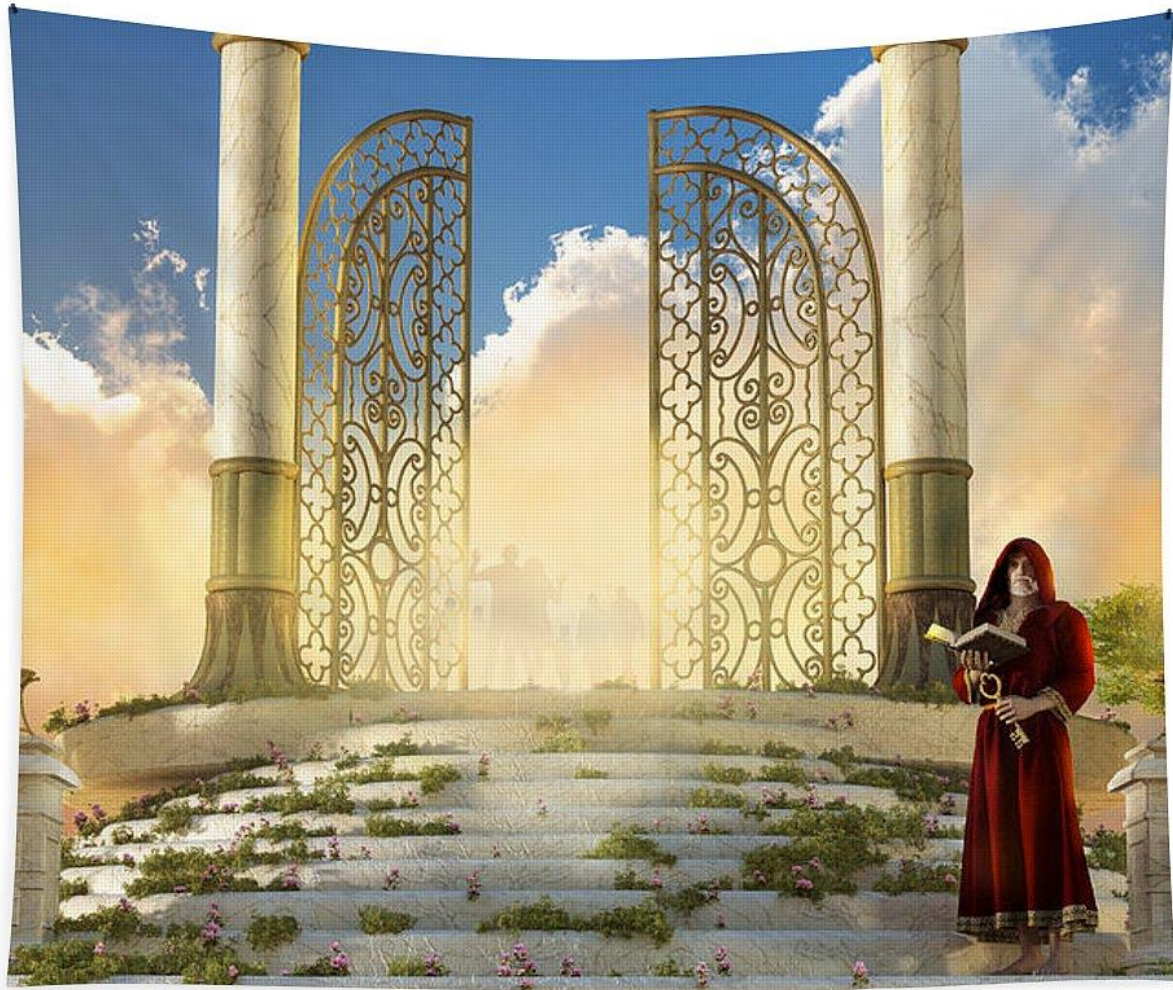


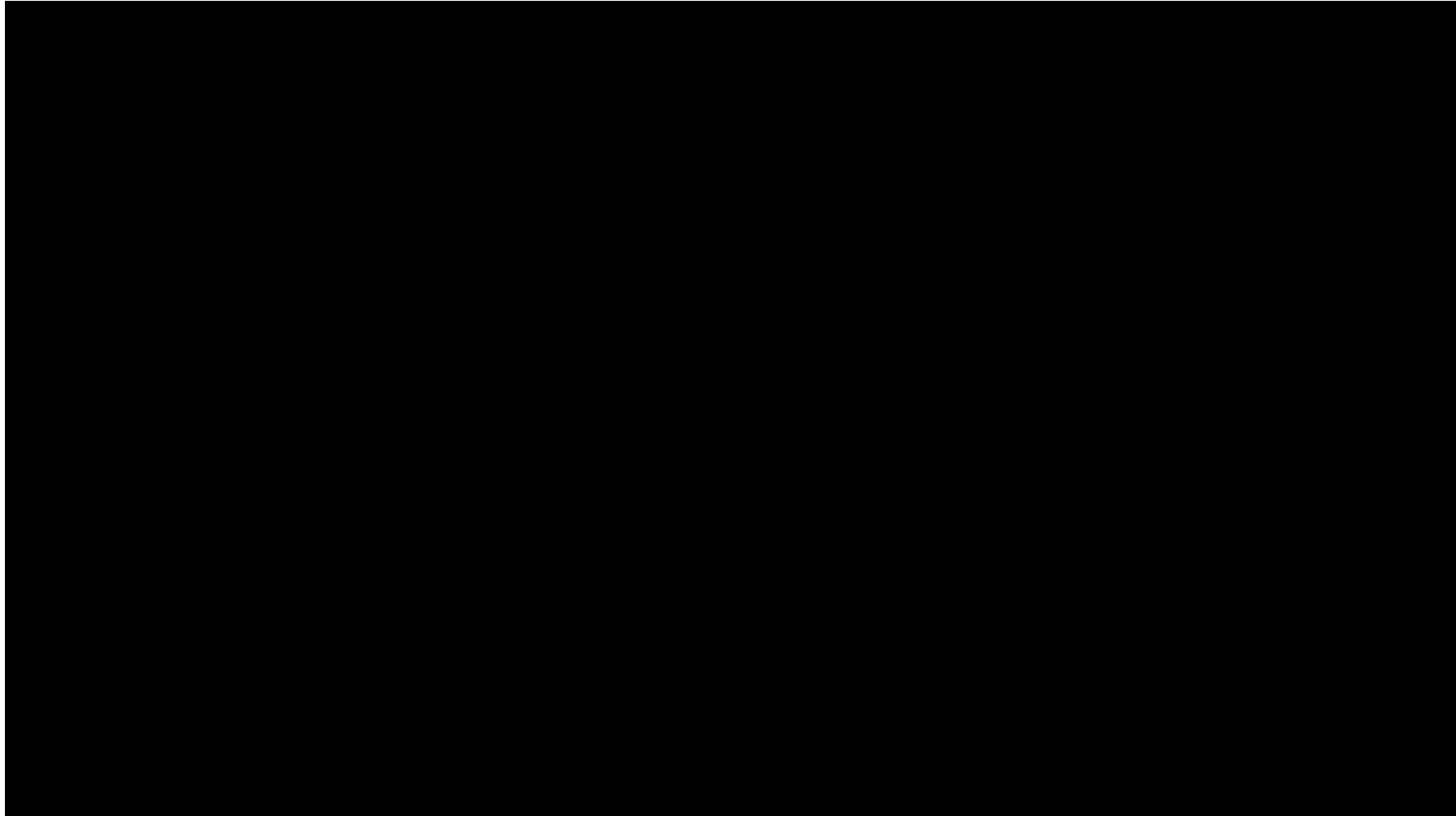
# Trivia Question



Which distinctly Christian word is used in the greeting and closing of every letter of Paul?

ROMANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	1 THESSALONIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
1 CORINTHIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	2 THESSALONIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
2 CORINTHIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	1 TIMOTHY <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
GALATIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	2 TIMOTHY <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
EPHESIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	TITUS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
PHILIPPIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	PHILEMON <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>
COLOSSIANS <small>KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)</small>	





# GRACE

- Unmerited favor
- Unique and foundational to Christianity





# Romans

## Greeting

- "To all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."



# 1 Corinthians

## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you."

# 2 Corinthians



## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."





# Galatians

## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen."

# Ephesians



## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible."



# Philippians

## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."



# Colossians

## Greeting

- "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father."

## Closing

- "I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you."



# 1 Thessalonians

## Greeting

- "Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace."

## Closing

- "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."



# 2 Thessalonians

## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."



# 1 Timothy

## Greeting

- "to Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

## Closing

- "Grace be with you."

# 2 Timothy



## Greeting

- "to Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

## Closing

- "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you."





# Titus

## Greeting

- "to Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior."

## Closing

- "Grace be with you all."

# Philemon



## Greeting

- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

## Closing

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

# Hebrews

No greeting

Closing

- "Grace be with you all."

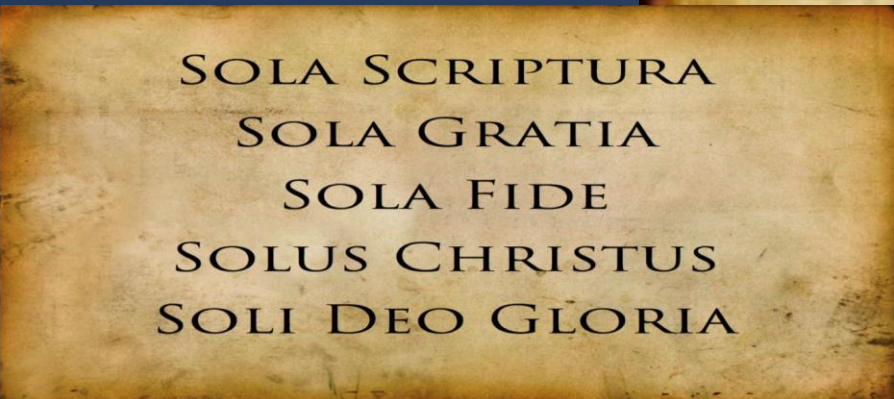
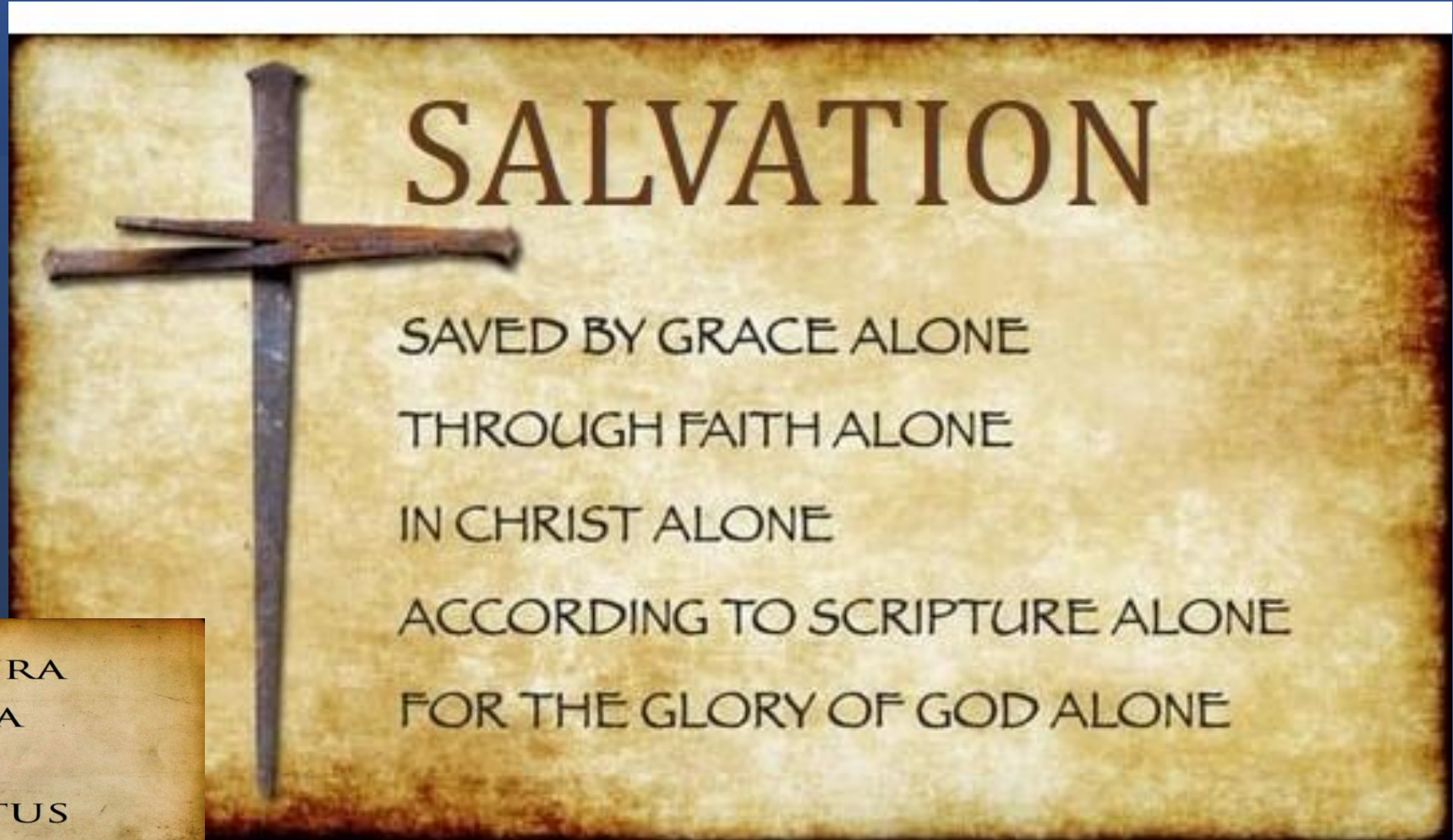
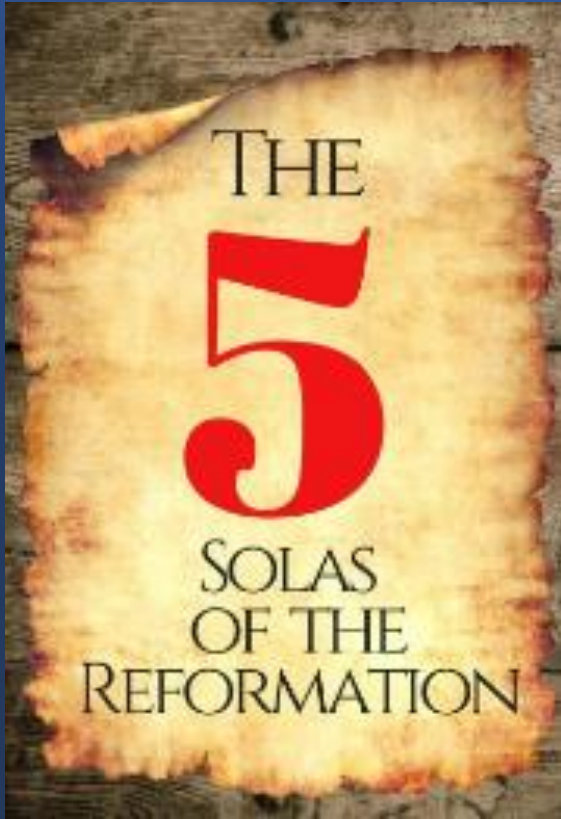


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# Insights into Grace and Peace

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- The order matters
- Grace be TO you at the greeting, and WITH you at the closing
- Grace and peace are experienced in the present
- Grace and peace vary in measure, and there is always more
  - Peter: “May grace and peace be multiplied to you...”
- Grace and peace are from God



# Ephesians 2



<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are  
God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good  
works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

# Romans 3



<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



# Romans 4

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.





## Romans 5

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

# Romans 6



**15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

# Romans 7, 8



<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.



# Romans 11

## *Remnant of Israel in the church*

<sup>5</sup> So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

# Galatians 2



<sup>19</sup> “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

# Ephesians 1



<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

# Hebrews



4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



## 1 Corinthians 15:10

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.



# Titus 2



<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,



## Colossians 3

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

# Themes and Key Takeaways

- We are saved by grace
- Calls for our action
  - Gratitude
  - Extend grace to others
  - Righteous living (*next week*)





# Pauline Themes



Suffering and  
Perseverance

Worship

Grace

Righteous  
living

Joy

Discipleship

Return of  
Christ

Holy Spirit

Adoption

Unity

Finding life

Love

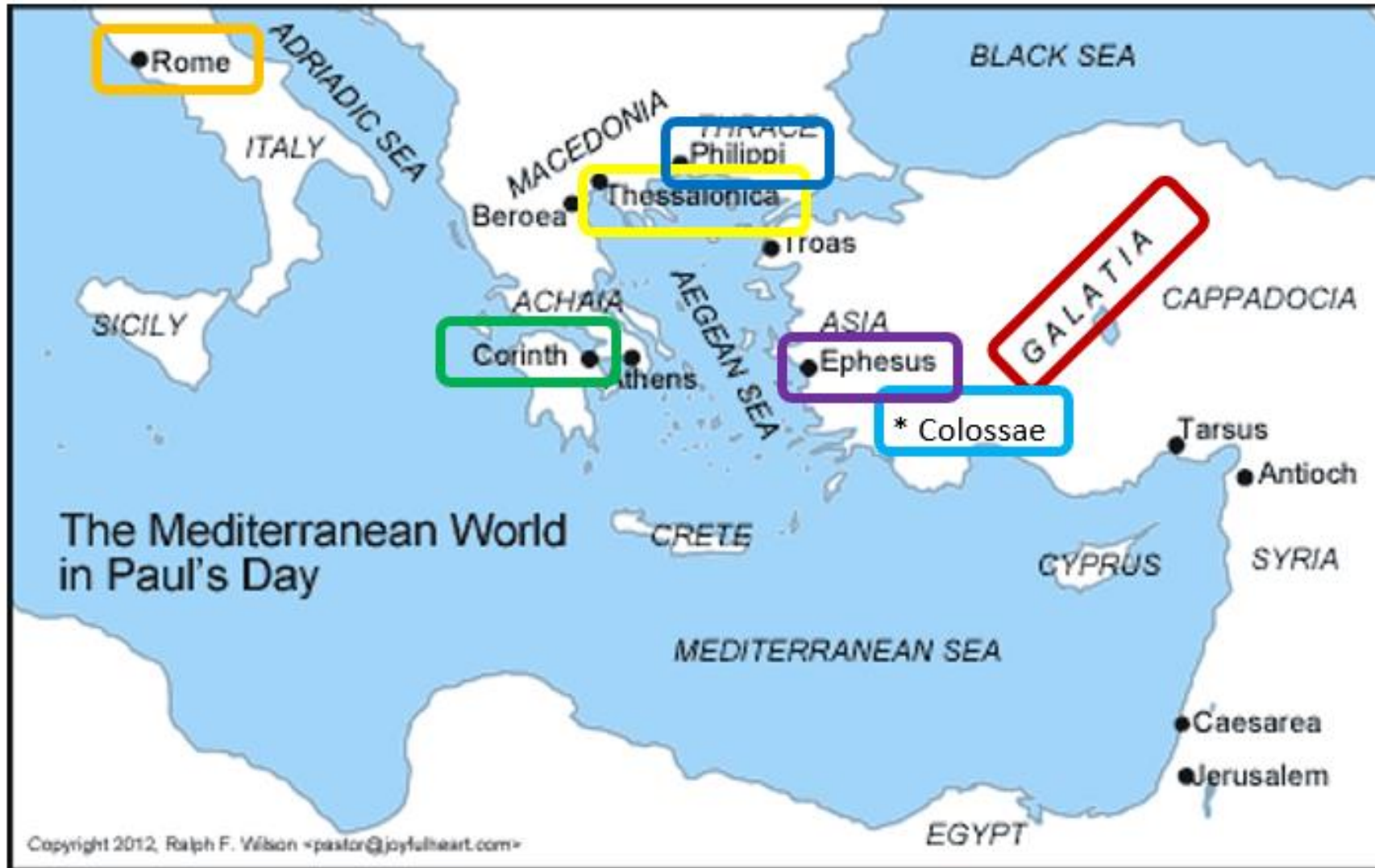
Justification,  
Righteousness,  
Faith

False teachers,  
apostacy



# Jesus

- Before resurrection – under law vs under grace – Old Testament
- “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:14-17)
- "Forgive, and (then) ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37)
- "but IF ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (sins)" (Matt. 6:15).
- 70x7
- Wicked servant
- Lord’s prayer
- Not a suggestion
- Righteousness vs Grace



*9 letters to 7 churches*

*4 letters to 3 individuals: Timothy, Titus, Philemon*



# 1 Corinthians 2

<sup>5</sup> If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup> The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. <sup>7</sup> Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup> Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup> Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake.