

**Greetings!**  
**Ephesians 1:1-2**

**Introduction:** The introduction to each Epistle is more than a formality. It is the inspired Word of God!

**I. The author (v. 1a)**

- A. Identity- "Paul"
- B. Authority- "An apostle of Jesus Christ"
- C. Appointment- "by the will of God"

**II. The audience (v. 1b)**

- A. Identity- "Saints"
- B. Location- "Who are at Ephesus"
- C. Description- "Faithful in Christ Jesus"

**III. The address (v. 2)**

**A. Content**

- 1. Grace
- 2. Peace

**B. Source**

- 1. God- The Father of us
- 2. Jesus Christ- Our Lord

**Conclusion:** "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Questions for discussion/Application**

- How does remembering Paul's background make us appreciate this opening line even more?
- Based upon the second half of verse one, who is Paul's audience? (Be specific)
- Why is it so important that we remember who the audience is as we proceed through the rest of the book?
- Is the order of Paul's address important (Grace and then peace)? Would it be different if he said "peace to you and grace"?
- What is the significance in Paul's description of God as "Father of us" and Jesus Christ our "Lord"?