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Phil 1:2

Greetings

The subject of grace and peace

1. The same understanding of grace and peace

2. Grace (χάρις)

a. Translation.... Grace, favour

b. Essence... unmerited favour

c. Application of Grace

i. Salvation Eph 2:6-8

ii. Strength 2 Cor 12:9

iii. Service Eph 3:7,8

iv. Spiritual gifts Rom 12:6

v. All that we are 1 Cor 15:10

vi. Partakers with you of grace Phil 1:7

2. Peace (εἰρήνη)

a. Translation ...peace

b. Essence ... state of being...to be at peace

c. Application

i. Peace with God Eph 2:14-18

ii. Peace with man Eph 2:14-18

iii. Peace of heart Phil 4:7

3. Highlighting grace and peace as the subject

4. Understanding Paul's greeting of grace and peace

a. The usual greeting of Jews is to greet a person with the word Shalom (peace)
Matt 10:12,13

b. He introduced the idea of grace

5. The special giving of peace and grace

“And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.” Matt 10:12,13

a. This is something that is alive

b. The giving of peace by the Lord was dependant on those receiving it

6. Grace and peace...are special commodities

The source of grace and peace

1. God as source

a. God is the source of grace and peace

b. The confirmation of the servant

“Who confirms the word of His servant, and performs the counsel of His messengers;” Isa 44:26

c. Paul addressed God as “Father”.

2. The Lord Jesus as source

a. Grace and peace also come from the Lord Jesus Christ

b. Both God and Christ seen as equal together

c. Both God and the Lord Jesus are often working together

The Significance of the greeting of Paul

1. Reflecting the same spirit of faith of Paul and Timothy... a personal and rich understanding of doctrine...of grace and peace

2. Reflecting a theological purpose of grace and peace being applied in his greeting

3. Reflecting the closeness of relationship between God and the Lord Jesus Christ.