

SALUTATION OF THE EPISTLES

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The New Testament of the Holy Bible is a composite of 5 books and 22 letters. The apostles; Paul, James, Peter, John and Jude shared in writing God's inspired letters which are also known as "the epistles". Chapter 1 of each epistle begins with a warm and sincere greeting that is often times overlooked. What's very interesting despite the author, is **all 22 letters except two** (Hebrews and 3rd John) contain the exact same salutation or similar greeting "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ". Please read the greeting in each of the 22 epistles and share with me your thoughts by answering the questions at the bottom of the page. --NIV

there is but **one God, the Father**, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but **one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom all things came and through whom we live. **1Cor 8:6**

(4) Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

(1) Book of: Acts

(22) Epistles	VERSE	SALUTATION
1. Romans	1:7	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ .
2. 1Corinthians	1:3	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
3. 2Corinthians	1:2	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
4. Galatians	1:2	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
5. Ephesians	1:2	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
6. Philippians	1:2	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
7. Colossians	1:3	We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
8. 1Thessalonians	1:1	in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ :
9. 2Thessalonians	1:2	Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
10. 1Timothy	1:2	Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord .
11. 2Timothy	1:2	Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord .
12. Titus	1:4	Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior .
13. Philemon	1:3	Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .
14. Hebrews		
15. James	1:1	James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ
16. 1Peter	1:3	Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ !
17. 2 Peter	1:2through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord .
18. 1 John	1:3	And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ .
19. 2 John 1:3		Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ ,
20. 3John		
21. Jude	1:1-2who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ :
22. Rev 1:4-5		Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come , and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ

Now this is **eternal life**: that they may know you, the **only true God**, and **Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent. **John 17:3**

It's amazing to see the patterns which develop when comparing these verses. Notice how they all coincide perfectly with 1Cor8:6 and John17:3? In every instance except Rev.1:4 there are **only two** mentioned, **God and lord**. Our Father is always mentioned first, he is **God**. Jesus always second, he is **lord**. What other consistencies do you notice? Did you notice there is no mention of the Holy Spirit, why? What conclusions do draw from this study? Please share with me your thoughts and include and ideas you may have to make this study better. May **God** and His **Son** bless you and your loved ones, -- Bryan Stamos -- announcethegoodnews@yahoo.com: