

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul's Opening

1:1-15

The Four Parts of a Typical Opening to a Pauline Epistle

Sender

Recipients

Salutation

Prayer

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Sender (1-6)

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Recipients (7a)

7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:

Salutation (7b)

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

Prayer (8-15)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. (continues...)

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Prayer (8-15)

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you 10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— 12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.