

1 Corinthians 1:1-3
“Grace and Peace to the Saints”

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Passage Summary: In this brief passage, Paul introduces the book (epistle/letter) of 1 Corinthians with a blessing, but there is much more. Just as “all scripture is breathed out by God and profitable” (2 Timothy 3:16), this passage does not disappoint. Grace and peace are ours, as we call upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

- I. Verses 1-2 (To and From): Authors and Recipients
 - a. From:
 - i. The Apostle Paul
 1. Called by the will of God
 - ii. Our brother Sosthenese
 - b. To:
 - i. The church of God
 1. At Corinth (local)
 2. In every place (universal)
 - ii. Sanctified in Christ Jesus
 - iii. Those who have been called... to be saints
 - iv. Those who call... on the name of the Lord Jesus
- II. Verse 3 (Blessing): From God... to you
 - a. Grace
 - b. Peace
 - c. From God... to you

Application Principle: The world does not know true Grace or Peace, because it does not know God through Christ, the author of salvation. We should worship and thank God for our calling, grow in sanctification, and call others to repent and believe.