

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: **Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁸**First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.**

Grace – (John 1:17)

Grace leads to **peace** with God (Rom. 5:1) – Are you at peace with God?

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever” (WSC)

“Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee!” (Augustine)

Matthew 11:25-30 – Do you rest in the LORD?

Philippians 4:11-13 – Learn to be content.

Do you come to the Word to study **grace** and **peace** with an academic interest or are you living them?

Our Father. Creator of the universe, but **our Father.** Grace, not from God, but *our Father.*

John 8:39-44 – Not everyone is a child of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ coequal with the Father! The word “*and*” gives us the doctrine of *Christ.* The only begotten, coequal with the Father, came from the bosom of God and has returned there seated at His right hand. Two persons of the doctrine of the *Trinity.*

I thank my God through Jesus Christ ... Paul does not thank the Romans.

1 Cor. 15:10 – Paul is what he is through God and so are the Romans. God is to be praised. He loved us, called us (set us apart), and we are saints (7a).

The World is likely the Roman Empire. China was unknown. In this Godless city, Rome, there were Christians. Thank God! Rome was a hub. The gospel would be spread as men travelled to serve the Emperor.

How did it spread without television, newspapers, or the internet? Revival! The Holy Spirit needs none of these things. Christianity is spread through the lives and living of Christian people.