

PAUL'S PERSONAL MARK CLOSING EACH EPISTLE

There were apparently forgeries of the Thessalonian letters being circulated ("not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come" (2Th.2:2). Therefore, Paul, at the close of each letter included a private mark, or a personal token. Specifically, Paul referred to this "a sign in every epistle; so I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (2Th.3:17-18).

Romans — "The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Rm.16:24)

1 Corinthians — "²³The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ²⁴My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen." (1Co.16:23-24)

2 Corinthians — "The **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen." (2Co.13:14)

Galatians — "Brethren, the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." (Ga.6:18)

Ephesians — "**Grace** be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." (Ep.6:24)

Philippians — "The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Ph.4:23)

Colossians — "This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. **Grace** be with you. Amen." (Cl.4:18)

1 Thessalonians — "The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." (1Th.5:28)

2 Thessalonians — "¹⁷The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write. ¹⁸The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (2Th.3:17-18)

1 Timothy — "by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. **Grace** be with you. Amen." (1Tm.6:21)

2 Timothy — "The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. **Grace** be with you. Amen." (2Tm.4:22)

Titus — "All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. **Grace** be with you all. Amen." (Tm.3:15)

Philemon — "The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." (Pm.25)

Hebrews — "**Grace** be with you all. Amen." (Hb.13:25)