

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

GALATIANS – PART TWO

The Rest !

Lesson 29

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Our Letters

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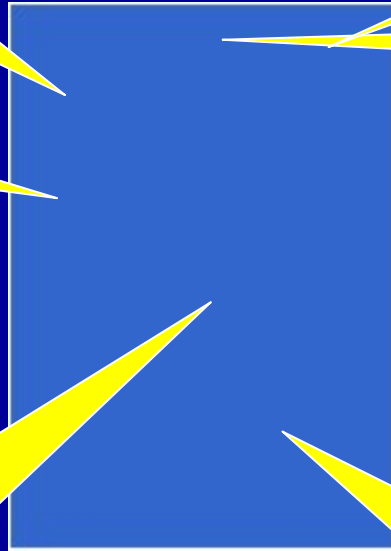
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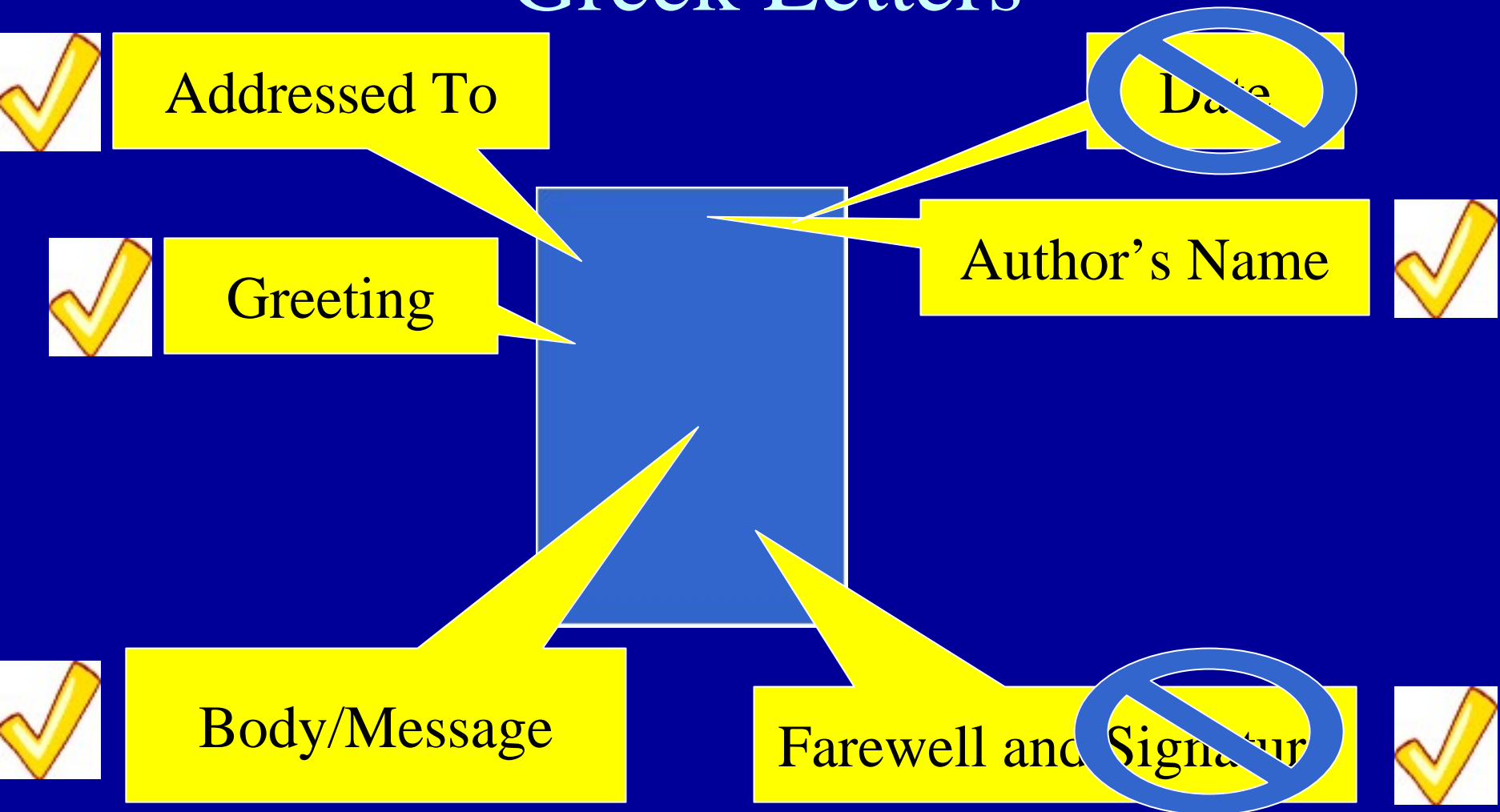
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Greek Letters



How Do We Read Epistles?

- KEY: The “Occasion”

Theological Term De Jour

OCCASION:

What circumstances and events motivated or caused the letter?

How Do We Read Epistles?

- KEY: The “Occasion”
- Technique: (Handout)
 - Read Background (Town, People, Bible Passages, etc.)
 - Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible
 - Read Whole Letter (Make “Occasion” Notes)
 - Work Down to Smaller Passages
 - Understand “Then” and Apply Now

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(1:1).

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- Heresy Taught By Others
- Authority of Paul
- Authority of Paul's Message

“I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.” (1:11-12)

The Occasion for Galatians

- Heresy Taught By Others
- Authority of Paul
- Authority of Paul's Message
- Legalism or Grace (Human Effort or Faith)
 - “Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law or by believing what you heard?” (3:2)

Galatians Divisions

- Necessary History for Understanding the Issues and Paul's Teaching (1 and 2)
- Correct Doctrine to Counter the Heresy (3 and 4)
- Real Life Application of Teaching (5 and 6)

Chapter 1

- Paul's Identification

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(1:1)

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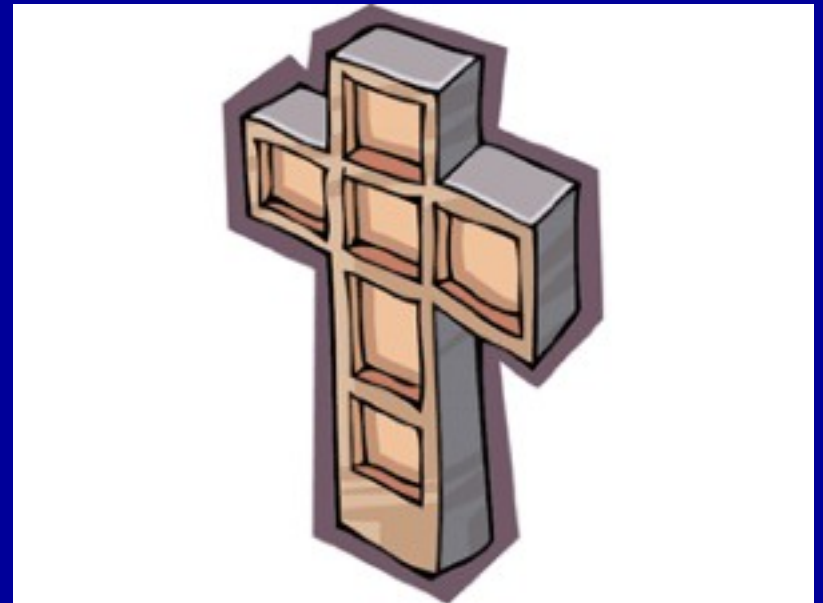
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“Grace”

- χαρις - *charis* : “a favor done” “a kindness”
- Paul: Singular Noun - A Specific “Favor” / “Kindness” by God

• Grace = Sacrifice of Christ,
a Historical Event

“I do not set aside the **grace**
of God, for if righteousness
could be gained through the
law, Christ died for
nothing.” (2:21)



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“Gospel”

- εὐαγγέλιον - *euangelion* : *eu* = “good”
angelion = “news” “message”
- Paul: THE Good News : Christ Died,
Buried, and Resurrected

“I want to remind you of the **gospel** I
preached to you ... Christ died for our sins
... he was buried ... he was raised”
(1 Cor. 15:1-4)

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Galatians 1

- Anything Else a Perversion (1:7)
“Some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.”

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- Anything Else a Perversion (7)
- Anyone Teaching Otherwise Accursed (8-9)

“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned. As we have already said, so now I say again: if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you have accepted, let him be eternally condemned.”

Galatians 1

- Anything Else a Perversion (7)
- Anyone Teaching Otherwise Accursed (8-9)
- Paul Came Through Revelation, Not Laziness (14ff)

Galatians 2

- History of Revelation and Teaching
- Confrontation of Peter
- Not “Acting in line with the truth of the gospel.” (2:14)
- Before a Group “We know that a man is not justified by observing [the] law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.” (2:16)
- “By observing [the] law, no one will be Justified.” (2:16)

Core Passage 2:20-21

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the **grace** of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing.”

Multiple Choice

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes, Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: did you receive the Spirit by observing [the] law or by believing what you heard?”

(3:1-2)

Points For Home

1. “Grace” Is An Event
2. The Event Saves Us.
3. Saved by Faith, Not Human Effort
4. This is Good News.