

# Colossians

## Salutation [4:18]

- I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.  
Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου. μνημονεύετε μου τῶν δεσμῶν. ἡ χάρις μεθ' ὑμῶν.
  - Paul had dictated this letter to Timothy who had written it down for him.
  - He wants the Colossians to know that he wrote the salutation himself as an expression of love.
  - This also is an indication of the authenticity of the letter as having come from Paul.
  - Paul asks the Colossians to remember that he is in prison.
  - This is likely a reminder for them to be praying for Paul, his fellow-workers and his ministries.
  - Paul concludes this letter by expressing his desire that God's grace would be with the Colossians.
  - Paul preached grace all the time and often ended his letters this way [1 Thess 5:28; 2 Thess 3:18].