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Chapter 1: Paul's Message

Paul was a follower of Jesus Christ. He was chosen to share God's message.

God promised this message long ago through prophets in the holy scriptures. It is about Jesus, who came from the family of David. Jesus was shown to be God's Son with power when he rose from the dead.

Through Jesus, we have received kindness and a mission to share faith with everyone. You are also called by Jesus.

To everyone in Rome, loved by God and called to be holy: I wish you grace and peace from God and Jesus.

First, I thank God for all of you because your faith is known everywhere. God knows I always pray for you.

I hope to visit you soon, if God allows, to share a spiritual gift and be encouraged by each other's faith.

I often wanted to visit you but couldn't. I want to share the good news with you, just like with others.

I owe this message to everyone, wise or not. I am ready to share it with you in Rome.

I am not ashamed of the good news of Christ. It is God's power to save everyone who believes.

God's goodness is shown through faith. As it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

God's anger is against all wrong actions. People know the truth but choose not to follow it.

God's power and nature are clear in the world He made, so no one has an excuse.

Even when people knew God, they didn't honor Him. They became foolish and their hearts were dark.

They thought they were wise but became foolish. They traded God's glory for images of people and animals.

So, God let them follow their own wrong desires. They worshiped created things instead of the Creator.

Because of this, God let them follow their wrong passions. They did things that were not right.

They didn't want to keep God in their thoughts, so God let them do improper things.

They were filled with all kinds of wrong actions, like envy, lying, and pride.

They knew God's rules but still did wrong and encouraged others to do the same.

Chapter 2: Understanding Fairness and Goodness

You should not judge others because when you do, you are also judging yourself. God judges everyone fairly based on their actions.

Do you think you can avoid God's judgment if you do the same wrong things you judge others for? God is kind and patient, hoping you will change your ways.

If you keep doing wrong, you are storing up anger for yourself when God judges everyone. God will give each person what they deserve based on their actions.

Those who keep doing good will receive eternal life. But those who do wrong will face trouble and sadness.

God treats everyone the same, whether they are Jews or not. People who do wrong without knowing the law will still face consequences. Those who know the law and do wrong will be judged by it.

It's not enough to just hear the law; you must follow it. Even those who don't know the law but do what is right show they understand it in their hearts.

God will judge everyone's secrets through Jesus Christ.

If you teach others, make sure you also learn from your teachings. Don't tell others not to steal if you steal. Don't say not to worship idols if you do wrong things.

If you break the law, you dishonor God. It's important to follow the law in your heart, not just outwardly. True goodness comes from inside, and God sees that.

Chapter 3: Understanding Faith and Righteousness

What is special about being Jewish? What is the benefit of circumcision?

There are many advantages. Mainly, they were given God's messages.

What if some people didn't believe? Does that mean God's promises are not true?

No way! God is always true, even if people lie. It is written that God will be right and win when judged.

If our bad actions show how good God is, what should we say? Is God wrong to punish us? (I am speaking as a person.)

No way! If God were wrong, how could He judge the world?

If my lie makes God's truth greater, why am I judged as a sinner?

Some people wrongly say, "Let's do bad things so good can happen." They deserve punishment.

Are we better than others? No, not at all. We have shown that everyone, Jews and non-Jews, are under sin.

As it is written, no one is truly good, not even one.

No one understands or seeks God.

Everyone has turned away and become useless. No one does good, not even one.

Their words are like an open grave; they use their tongues to lie. Their lips hide poison.

Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.

They are quick to hurt others.

Destruction and sadness follow them.

They do not know the way of peace.

They do not respect God.

We know that the law speaks to those under it, so everyone is guilty before God.

No one can be right by following the law alone. The law shows us what sin is.

But now, God's goodness is shown without the law, as the law and prophets said.

God's goodness comes through faith in Jesus Christ to everyone who believes. There is no difference.

Everyone has sinned and falls short of God's glory.

We are made right freely by God's grace through Jesus Christ.

God sent Jesus to show His goodness and forgive past sins.

This shows God's fairness and that He makes right those who believe in Jesus.

So, can we brag? No, because we are made right by faith, not by following the law.

We conclude that a person is made right by faith, not by the law.

Is God only for Jews? No, He is also for non-Jews.

There is one God who makes everyone right through faith.

Do we cancel the law by faith? No, we uphold the law.

Chapter 4: Abraham's Faith and Righteousness

What can we learn from Abraham, our ancestor?

If Abraham was made right by doing good things, he could brag, but not in front of God.

The scripture says Abraham believed God, and that made him right with God.

When someone works, their pay is not a gift but something they earned.

But if someone doesn't work but believes in God, who makes bad people right, their faith makes them right with God.

David also talks about how happy people are when God forgives their wrongs and covers their sins.

Happy is the person whose sins God does not count against them.

Is this happiness only for those who follow certain rules, or for everyone? We say faith made Abraham right with God.

How did this happen? Was it before or after he followed the rules? It was before.

He got a sign to show he was right with God because of his faith, even before he followed the rules. This way, he could be the father of everyone who believes, even if they don't follow the rules.

Abraham is the father of those who follow his faith, not just the rules.

The promise that Abraham would be the heir of the world came through faith, not the law.

If only those who follow the law are heirs, then faith means nothing, and the promise is useless.

The law brings anger, but without the law, there is no breaking of rules.

So, it is by faith, so it can be a gift, and the promise is sure to all who have faith like Abraham, who is the father of us all.

As it is written, God made him the father of many nations. He believed in God, who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they are.

Against all hope, Abraham believed and became the father of many nations, just as God promised.

Even though he was very old and Sarah couldn't have children, he didn't doubt God's promise. He was strong in faith and praised God.

He was sure that God could do what He promised.

That's why his faith made him right with God.

This wasn't just for Abraham, but for us too, if we believe in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Jesus was given for our wrongs and raised to make us right with God.

Chapter 5: Understanding Faith and Grace

When we believe, we find peace with God through Jesus.

Through Jesus, we can stand strong in God's kindness and be happy about the hope of God's glory.

We also find joy in hard times because they teach us patience.

Patience helps us learn, and learning gives us hope.

Hope is strong because God's love fills our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

When we were weak, Jesus died for us, even though we were not perfect.

It's rare for someone to die for a good person, but Jesus showed his love by dying for us while we were still sinners.

Now, because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are saved from God's anger.

When we were against God, Jesus' death brought us back to Him, and now we are saved by His life.

We are happy with God through Jesus, who made us right with Him.

Sin came into the world through one man, and death came because of sin, affecting everyone.

Even before laws, sin was in the world, but it wasn't counted without laws.

Death ruled from Adam to Moses, even over those who didn't sin like Adam.

But God's gift is different from the sin. Through Jesus, God's grace is given to many.

One man's sin brought judgment, but God's gift brings forgiveness for many sins.

Through one man's sin, death ruled, but through Jesus, we receive grace and life.

One man's disobedience made many sinners, but one man's obedience makes many righteous.

The law showed more sin, but God's grace is even greater.

Sin led to death, but grace leads to eternal life through Jesus.

Chapter 6: Living a New Life

Should we keep doing wrong things so we can get more forgiveness? No way! If we have stopped doing wrong, how can we keep doing it?

Don't you know that when we were baptized, we joined Jesus in his death? We were buried with him, and just like Jesus was raised from the dead, we should live a new life.

If we have shared in his death, we will also share in his new life. Our old self was put to death with him so that we would not be slaves to sin anymore. When someone dies, they are free from sin.

If we died with Christ, we believe we will live with him too. Jesus was raised from the dead and will never die again. Death has no power over him.

He died to defeat sin once, and now he lives for God. Think of yourselves as dead to sin but alive for God through Jesus.

Don't let sin control your body. Don't use your body to do wrong things. Instead, give yourselves to God and use your body to do good.

Sin will not rule over you because you are under grace, not the law. Should we sin because we are under grace? No!

Don't you know that if you obey someone, you become their servant? You can be a servant of sin, which leads to death, or a servant of doing right, which leads to life.

Thank God that you used to be servants of sin, but now you follow the teachings from your heart. You are free from sin and now serve what is right.

When you were servants of sin, you were not doing right. What good did you get from doing those things? They lead to death.

But now you are free from sin and serve God. This leads to a holy life and everlasting life.

The result of sin is death, but God's gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chapter 7: Understanding the Law and Sin

Do you know, friends, how the law rules over a person as long as they are alive?

A married woman must stay with her husband while he is alive. But if he dies, she is free from that law.

If she marries another man while her husband is alive, she is called unfaithful. But if her husband is dead, she is free to marry again and is not unfaithful.

In the same way, we are free from the old law because of Jesus. We can now follow a new way and do good things for God.

When we followed our old ways, we did things that led to bad results.

But now we are free from the old rules and can live in a new way, with a new spirit.

Is the law bad? No, it helps us know what is wrong. Without the law, we wouldn't know what is wrong.

Sin uses the rules to trick us and make us do wrong things.

Once, I lived without the law, but when I learned the rules, I realized I was doing wrong.

The rules are good, but sin uses them to make us do bad things.

The law is good and right.

Does this mean the law is bad for us? No, it shows us how bad sin is.

The law is spiritual, but I am human and struggle with sin.

I want to do good, but sometimes I do what I don't want to do.

If I do what I don't want, it shows the law is good.

It's not really me doing wrong, but the sin inside me.

I know that nothing good lives in me, but I want to do good.

I want to do good things, but sometimes I do bad things instead.

If I do what I don't want, it's the sin inside me.

I find that when I want to do good, bad things are also there.

I love God's law in my heart.

But I see another rule inside me that fights against my mind and makes me do wrong.

I feel trapped by this rule of sin.

Who will help me? I thank God for Jesus Christ, our Lord.

With my mind, I serve God's law, but with my body, I struggle with sin.

Chapter 8: Living by the Spirit

There is no punishment for those who are with Christ Jesus. They follow the Spirit, not their own desires.

The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from sin and death.

The law couldn't save us because it was weak. So, God sent His Son to take on sin and defeat it.

This way, we can follow the Spirit and do what is right.

People who follow their own desires focus on those things. But those who follow the Spirit focus on spiritual things.

Thinking only about earthly things leads to death. But thinking about spiritual things brings life and peace.

The earthly mind is against God and doesn't follow His law.

People who live by their own desires cannot please God.

But you are in the Spirit if God's Spirit lives in you. If someone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to Him.

If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit that raised Jesus lives in you, He will also give life to your bodies.

We owe nothing to our earthly desires. If we live by them, we will die. But if we live by the Spirit, we will live.

Those led by God's Spirit are God's children.

You have received the Spirit of adoption, and we call God "Father."

The Spirit tells us we are God's children.

If we are children, we are also heirs with Christ. We will share in His glory if we share in His sufferings.

The troubles we face now are nothing compared to the glory that will come.

All of creation waits for God's children to be revealed.

Creation was made to hope for freedom from decay into the freedom of God's children.

We know all creation is in pain, waiting for this.

We also wait for our bodies to be made new.

We are saved by hope. We hope for what we cannot see and wait patiently.

The Spirit helps us when we are weak. It prays for us in ways we can't express.

God knows our hearts and what the Spirit wants because it prays for us according to God's will.

We know everything works for good for those who love God and are called for His purpose.

God knew us and planned for us to be like His Son.

He called, justified, and glorified us.

If God is for us, no one can be against us.

God gave His Son for us, so He will give us everything we need.

No one can accuse God's chosen people. God makes us right.

Christ died and rose again. He is with God and prays for us.

Nothing can separate us from Christ's love—not trouble, hunger, danger, or anything else.

We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Nothing in life or death, no power, nothing now or in the future, can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chapter 9: Understanding God's Choices

I am telling the truth in Christ, and my conscience agrees with me through the Holy Spirit.

I feel very sad and have a heavy heart.

I wish I could be separated from Christ for the sake of my people, the Israelites.

They are the people who were chosen by God. They received God's promises, laws, and worship.

From them came the ancestors, and Christ, who is God over all, came from them too.

But not everyone from Israel is truly part of God's people.

Just because they are descendants of Abraham doesn't mean they are all God's children. God promised that through Isaac, the true children would come.

This means that being a child of God is about God's promise, not just being born into a family.

God promised that Sarah would have a son, and it happened.

Rebecca also had children with Isaac, and before they were born, God chose one to serve the other.

God said, "I loved Jacob, but I did not choose Esau."

Is God unfair? No, God chooses whom to show mercy to.

God told Moses, "I will show mercy and compassion to anyone I choose."

It's not about what people want or do, but about God's mercy.

God told Pharaoh, "I raised you to show my power and spread my name."

God shows mercy to some and hardens others.

You might ask, "Why does God blame us?" But who are we to question God?

A potter can make different things from the same clay.

What if God wants to show his power and patience by dealing with those who deserve punishment?

He also wants to show the riches of his glory to those he has chosen.

God calls people from both Jews and non-Jews.

God said, "I will call those who were not my people, my people."

In the place where they were told, "You are not my people," they will be called "children of the living God."

Isaiah said, "Even if Israel is as many as the sand, only a few will be saved."

God will finish his work quickly and righteously.

If God hadn't left us some descendants, we would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah.

What does this mean? Non-Jews who didn't try to be righteous have found righteousness through faith.

But Israel, trying to follow the law, didn't reach righteousness.

Why? Because they tried to earn it by following the law, not by faith.

They stumbled over the stone God placed in Zion.

But whoever believes in him will not be ashamed.

Chapter 10: A Message of Faith

My wish and prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

I know they are eager to follow God, but they don't fully understand.

They try to make their own rules instead of following God's way.

Christ is the goal of the law for everyone who believes.

Moses said that following the law means living by it.

But faith says, "Don't ask who will go to heaven or who will go deep down."

The message is close to you, in your mouth and heart. It is the message of faith we share.

If you say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Believing in your heart makes you right with God, and saying it with your mouth saves you.

The scripture says anyone who believes in him will not be disappointed.

There is no difference between people; the same Lord is generous to everyone who calls on him.

Anyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved.

But how can they call if they haven't believed? And how can they believe if they haven't heard? And how can they hear without someone telling them?

And how can they tell unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

But not everyone has listened to the good news. Isaiah said, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God.

But I ask, haven't they heard? Yes, their voice has gone out to all the earth.

But did Israel understand? Moses said, "I will make you jealous with those who are not a nation."

Isaiah was bold and said, "I was found by those who did not seek me."

But to Israel, he said, "All day long I have reached out to a stubborn people."

Chapter 11: God's Promise and Mercy

Does God forget his people? No way! I am an Israelite, from Abraham's family, and the tribe of Benjamin.

God has not forgotten his people. Remember what the Bible says about Elijah? He prayed to God about Israel, saying,

"Lord, they have killed your prophets and destroyed your altars. I am the only one left, and they want to kill me."

But God answered him, "I have kept 7,000 people who have not worshiped Baal."

Even now, there are some people chosen by God's kindness.

If it is by kindness, it is not by what they do. Otherwise, kindness would not be kindness. If it is by what they do, it is not kindness.

What does this mean? Israel did not get what they wanted, but the chosen ones did. The others were not able to see or hear.

David said, "Let their table be a trap, and let their eyes be dark so they cannot see."

Did they fall so they would be lost forever? No! Their fall brought good things to others, to make them want what they have.

If their fall brings riches to the world, how much more will their full return bring?

I speak to you who are not Israelites. I am proud to be your apostle.

I hope to make my people want what you have and save some of them.

If their rejection means the world is brought back to God, what will their acceptance mean? Life from the dead!

If the first part is holy, the whole is holy. If the root is holy, so are the branches.

If some branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive branch, were added, do not brag. Remember, the root supports you.

You might say, "Branches were broken off so I could be added."

True, but they were broken off because they did not believe, and you stand by faith. Do not be proud, but be careful.

If God did not spare the natural branches, he might not spare you either.

Look at God's kindness and strictness. He was strict with those who fell, but kind to you if you stay in his kindness. Otherwise, you will be cut off too.

If they do not continue in unbelief, they will be added back, for God can do that.

If you were cut from a wild olive tree and added to a good one, how much more will the natural branches be added back to their own tree?

I do not want you to be unaware of this secret, so you do not think you are wise. Part of Israel is blind until all non-Israelites come in.

Then all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Savior will come from Zion and turn away wrong from Jacob."

This is my promise to them when I take away their sins.

Regarding the good news, they are enemies for your sake, but they are loved because of their ancestors.

God's gifts and calling cannot be taken back.

You did not believe God before, but now you have received mercy because of their unbelief.

Now they do not believe, so they can receive mercy through your mercy.

God has allowed everyone to not believe so he can show mercy to all.

Oh, the depth of God's wisdom and knowledge! His decisions are beyond understanding.

Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who has been his advisor?

Who has given to God that God should repay them?

Everything is from him, through him, and for him. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 12: Living a Good Life

I ask you, friends, because God is kind, to offer your lives to God. Live in a way that makes God happy.

Don't follow what everyone else does. Change by thinking in new ways. This helps you know what God wants.

God has given me a gift, so I tell you: Don't think you are better than others. Be honest about yourself. God gives everyone different gifts.

We are like a body with many parts. Each part has a job. Together, we are one in Christ.

We have different gifts. If you can tell the future, do it with faith. If you help others, focus on helping. If you teach, focus on teaching.

If you encourage, do it well. If you give, do it simply. If you lead, work hard. If you show kindness, do it happily.

Love should be real. Hate what is bad. Hold on to what is good.

Be kind to each other like family. Respect others more than yourself.

Work hard and serve God with energy.

Be happy because you have hope. Be patient when things are hard. Pray all the time.

Help people who need it. Be welcoming to others.

Be kind to those who are mean to you. Be nice, don't be mean back.

Be happy with those who are happy. Be sad with those who are sad.

Think the same way as others. Don't be proud. Be friends with everyone. Don't think you know everything.

Don't do bad things to people who hurt you. Do what is right.

If you can, live peacefully with everyone.

Don't try to get back at others. Let God handle it. God says, "I will take care of it."

If your enemy is hungry, give them food. If they are thirsty, give them a drink. This will surprise them.

Don't let bad things win. Win by doing good things.

Chapter 13: Respect and Love for Others

Everyone should respect those in charge. All power comes from God, and leaders are chosen by Him.

If you fight against leaders, you fight against God's plan and may face trouble.

Leaders are there to stop bad actions, not good ones. If you do good, you will be praised.

Leaders work for God to help you. But if you do wrong, be careful, because they can punish you.

So, follow the rules not just to avoid trouble, but because it's right.

This is why we pay taxes, because leaders serve God and work for us.

Give everyone what you owe them: taxes, respect, and honor.

Don't owe anything except love. Loving others fulfills the law.

The rules say: don't cheat, don't kill, don't steal, don't lie, and don't want what others have. All these are summed up by loving your neighbor as yourself.

Love does no harm, so love completes the law.

It's time to wake up and do good, because our salvation is near.

The night is over, and the day is here. Let's stop doing bad things and start doing good.

Live honestly, not in wild parties or jealousy.

Follow Jesus and don't focus on selfish desires.

Chapter 14: Accepting Others

Welcome people who are unsure about their beliefs, but don't argue with them.

Some people think they can eat anything, while others only eat vegetables. Don't look down on those who eat differently from you, because God accepts everyone.

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? They answer to their own master. God can help them stand strong.

Some people think one day is special, while others see all days the same. Everyone should be sure in their own mind.

If someone celebrates a day, they do it for God. If they eat, they thank God. If they don't eat, they also thank God.

We don't live or die just for ourselves. We live and die for God, and we belong to Him.

Christ died and rose again to be the Lord of everyone, living and dead.

Why judge your brother or sister? We will all stand before God one day.

The Bible says, "Every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will confess to God."

So, each of us will explain our actions to God.

Let's stop judging each other. Instead, let's make sure we don't cause others to stumble.

I believe nothing is unclean by itself, but if someone thinks it is, then for them, it is.

If your food upsets someone, you are not acting with love. Don't harm others with your choices.

Don't let your good actions be spoken of as bad.

God's kingdom is not about food and drink, but about doing right, having peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Those who serve Christ in this way please God and are respected by others.

Let's focus on things that bring peace and help each other grow.

Food should not ruin God's work. Everything is pure, but it's wrong to eat if it offends someone.

It's better not to eat meat or drink wine if it makes someone else stumble.

If you have faith, keep it between you and God. Happy is the person who doesn't feel guilty about what they do.

But if you doubt and eat, you are wrong because you are not acting in faith. Anything not done in faith is wrong.

Chapter 15: Helping Others and Sharing Joy

We who are strong should help those who are weak and not just think about ourselves.

We should try to make others happy and help them grow.

Even Jesus didn't just think about himself. He took on the troubles of others.

The things written long ago were meant to teach us, so we can have hope through patience and comfort.

May God, who gives patience and comfort, help you all to agree with each other like Jesus wants.

This way, you can all praise God together.

Welcome each other, just like Christ welcomed us, to honor God.

Jesus came to show God's truth and keep promises made long ago.

He wanted everyone, even those who were not Jewish, to praise God for his kindness.

The Bible says, "Be happy, everyone, with God's people."

And, "Praise the Lord, everyone!"

The prophet Isaiah said, "A leader will come from Jesse's family, and everyone will trust him."

May God fill you with joy and peace, so you have lots of hope through the Holy Spirit.

I believe you are full of goodness and knowledge, and you can help each other.

I wrote to remind you of God's grace given to me.

I am a messenger of Jesus to everyone, sharing God's good news.

I am proud of what I do for God through Jesus.

I only talk about what Christ has done through me to help others follow him.

Through amazing signs and the Spirit's power, I have shared Christ's message everywhere.

I tried to share the message where people hadn't heard of Christ before.

The Bible says, "Those who haven't heard will understand."

I wanted to visit you but couldn't before.

Now, I hope to visit you on my way to Spain.

I am going to Jerusalem to help the believers there.

People in Macedonia and Achaia gave money to help the poor in Jerusalem.

They were happy to help because they received spiritual blessings.

After I deliver this gift, I will visit you on my way to Spain.

I am sure I will come with the blessings of Christ's good news.

Please pray for me, for Jesus and the Spirit's love, that I stay safe and my work is accepted.

I hope to visit you with joy and be refreshed together.

May God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Chapter 16: Greetings and Encouragement

I want to tell you about Phebe, our sister, who helps at the church in Cenchrea.

Please welcome her kindly and help her with anything she needs. She has helped many people, including me.

Say hello to Priscilla and Aquila, who have helped me a lot. They even risked their lives for me, and all the churches thank them.

Also, greet the church that meets in their house. Say hi to my dear friend Epaenetus, the first person in Achaia to follow Christ.

Greet Mary, who worked hard for us.

Say hello to Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and fellow prisoners. They are respected among the apostles and followed Christ before I did.

Greet my dear friend Amplias in the Lord.

Say hi to Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys, my dear friend.

Greet Apelles, who is faithful in Christ. Say hello to everyone in Aristobulus' household.

Greet Herodion, my relative. Say hi to those in Narcissus' household who follow the Lord.

Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who work hard for the Lord.
Say hello to Persis, who has worked a lot for the Lord.

Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who is like a mother to me too.

Say hi to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brothers with them.

Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas, and all the believers with them.

Greet each other with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

I ask you to watch out for those who cause trouble and go against what you have learned. Stay away from them.

They do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ but only care about themselves. They use nice words to trick people.

Everyone knows about your obedience, and I am happy for you. I want you to be wise about good things and innocent about evil.

God will soon defeat Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Timothy, my coworker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives, say hello.

I, Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

Gaius, who hosts me and the whole church, sends his greetings. Erastus, the city official, and Quartus, a brother, also greet you.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Now, to God who can make you strong through the good news and the message of Jesus Christ, which was a secret for a long time but is now revealed through the prophets' writings, made known to all nations to lead them to faith.

To the only wise God, be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.