

Ephesians – Outline and Exegetical Study

Chapter 1

- I. Salutation – [Ephesians 1:1, 2](#)
- II. Praise and thanks ascribed to God for mercies and blessings – Adoption, Redemption and Sealing of the HS – [Ephesians 1:3-14](#) (longest sentence in literature with relationship to the Trinity)
- III. Apostolic prayer for full knowledge (Epignosis) about Christ. [Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

EXEGETICAL STUDY

Vs. 1 – PAUL – Greek proper name “PAULOS” = little – this is the adopted name as his original name is recorded in [Acts 13:9](#) Σαυλος

PAUL’S adopted name means diminished – small – little = Grace! *“He must increase, I must decrease.”* [John 3:30](#). John had a great personality but he was a VOICE. Paul was a zealous killer of Christian – then he met the Lord.

The Roman names were divided:

3 parts: Pri-noman, Noman and Cog-noman.

- The Pri-noman – given name – Saulas
- The Norman – was the tribe – Benjamin
- The Cog-noman – family name which was a nick name (citizen of the town) Tarsus
- The surname of Grace is the name Paul takes – Paulos which means: little, small, diminished.
- A Roman citizen would always take a surname which was attached to achievement.
- Paul took a surname which was related to the greatest achievement in the entire world – GOD’S ACHIEVEMENT! This biblical concept of GRACE is presented in [Ephesians 1:2](#).

Conclusion: The very first word in Ephesians – PAUL – emphasizes orientation to God’s Grace. We can see Paul as “SOUL-BREATHING.” He is inhaling and exhaling this new relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Here in 62AD the Holy Spirit is communicating to Paul in Rome, the complete message of this Epistle as it appears in the original.

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Paul had to be under Authority before he could write with Authority. He was a prepared man when he sat down to write and the Holy Spirit had something in his mind to work with (with which to work). In other words – HE WAS AN OBEDIENT STUDENT!

NOTE NOW – INSPIRATION:

God's man wrote without waiving his human intelligence, vocabulary, personality, individuality, personal feelings, and the message God intended for the people, with accuracy, was written.

Vs.1 – Παῦλος ἀπόστολος

There is no ARTICLE before apostolos – which emphasizes the quality rather than the identity. This word means “Admiral of the Fleet – which shows rank and authority. Apostles had charge of all the churches and appointed (not elected) pastors. Deacons (doulos).

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ROMAN NAMES WERE DIVIDED INTO 3 PARTS:

- I. PRI-NOMAN – given name-Saulas
- II. NOMAN – tribe – Benjamin
- III. COG-NOMAN – nick name – citizen-ship – Tarsus – The surname Paul took was Paulus which means little or diminished. A Roman citizen would always take a surname which was attached to achievement. Grace was God's mark on his life. He believed and accepted the fact that the greatest achievement in the world was God's GRACE Achievement. His ministry was the ministry of Grace to the Gentiles.

He began his ministry by SOUL-BREATHING. He inhaled truth and then exhaled Divine truth. God's man spoke and wrote without waiving his human intelligence, vocabulary, personality, individuality, personal feelings, and the message which proceeded from lips or pen was the message God intended for the people with total accuracy.