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- 2. Paul's greeting in his own hand 3:17
- 3. Grace of the Lord be with you 3:18

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- ¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!
- ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.
- ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

<u>peace</u> - *eirēnē* - the harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the cross of Christ

Peace is a blessing of which God alone is the author. He, being the author of peace, is the only one who can bestow it upon the righteous.

Vine/Zodhiates

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Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

now - de - but, and, now - often implying a contrast subject: the Lord of peace Himself

- Here the Lord Jesus is called "the Lord of peace" because He is the author and source of peace. Keathley
- Eph 2:14a For He Himself is our peace ---
- Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Phil 4:9 --- and the God of peace will be with you.
- The pronoun Himself lies emphatically at the beginning of the sentence giving it intensive force.

Now may the Lord of peace Himself <u>continually grant</u> <u>you peace in every circumstance</u>. The Lord be with you all!

verb: grant or may He give [Interlinear]

may He give – dídōmi - To give of one's own accord and with good will. (aorist, optative, active)

- optative mood is used to express a wish
- active voice says the subject is performing the action
- 2 Tim 1:16 The Lord <u>grant</u> mercy to the house of Onesiphorus,

modifier1: to you [as a believer]

modifier2: continually [through all the time]

modifier3: in every circumstance [in every way]

under all circumstances and conditions, whatever comes

Amplified

dir. object: peace

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- Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!
 - Paul's desire is that Jesus Christ's [the Lord of peace] peace would be realized by every believer.

How does a believer come to realize Christ's peace?

- By faith in the facts of God's word!
- a. Peace of God

Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

b. Peace with God

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have <u>peace with God</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ,

c. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit <u>is</u> love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ---

- If they or we are to know real peace, we must walk in intimate fellowship with the Savior.

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- John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

The Lord be with you all!

- Paul was praying that they might experience the power and blessing of the Lord on their lives for spiritual growth and well being.

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- Heb 13:5b For He himself has said, and the statement is on record, I will not, I will not cease to sustain and uphold you. I will not, I will not let you down. So that, being of good courage, we are saying, ⁶ The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What shall man do to me? Wuest
- But we may ignore His presence and fail to experience it. So the apostle prays that this might not be the case.

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- ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.
 - I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
 - In view of the letter claiming to have been Paul's that the Thessalonians had received (2:2),
 - the apostle felt it necessary to prove that the present one [i.e. 2 Thess] really came from him. Constable
 - 2 Thess 2:2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

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¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.

and this [greeting] is a distinguishing mark in every letter distinguishing mark - sēmeion - a sign, mark - his [Paul's] autograph attesting the authenticity of his letters

 Apparently Paul would write the closing greeting in his letters in his own hand.

this is the way I write

It is the way I write [my handwriting and signature]. Amplified

Gal 6:11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

See I am writing to you

(you) see - oida - not the mere act of seeing but the actual perception of some object, ex: Mark 5:14

note: this is a command

I am writing to you.

I wrote to you (interlinear) – past point fact

Paul is saying that he actually did the writing!

Paul normally had a secretary write the letter for him.

<u>example</u>: Rom 16:22 - I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.

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Gal 6:11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

Paul makes two qualifying statements about what he wrote!

A. - with what large letters

large – In Gal. 6:11, meaning either large characters (implying a stiff and unpracticed hand which made the Gr. letters large like the Hebr.) or a large document. Zohiates

letters - a character, letter of the alphabet referring to the size of the characters written by his own hand

He does this by writing in literary uncials (1" high letters).

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Uncial Greek



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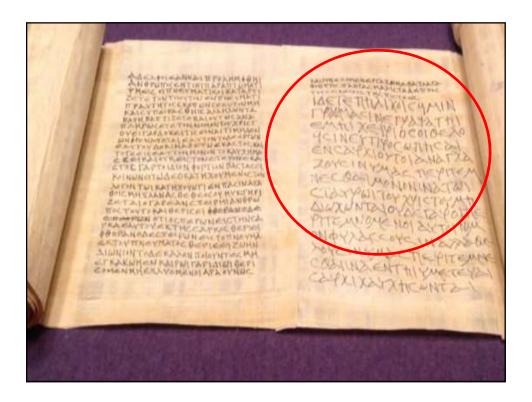
Gal 6:11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

B. - with my own hand

Colossians 4:18

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with <u>my own hand</u>. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.

- 1 Corinthians 16:21
- ²¹ The greeting is in my own hand—Paul.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:17
- ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with <u>my own hand</u>, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.



- ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
- · Paul started the book with grace.
- 2 Thess 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Paul now ends the book with grace.
- This is Paul's practice in all of his 13 epistles.

Another example:

- Rom 1:7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Rom 16:24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.



With verse 18, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all," we are reminded of

- (1) the necessity of the grace of the Lord Jesus for the Christian life, and
- (2) with the word "all," God's desire that all Christians experience this in life.

He had commended some and censured others, but his final benediction was upon all. There is here a final appeal for unity, obedience, and blessing, including, of course, the idlers [ones not working].

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