

And so I want to start with you at the beginning of these four chapters, and see something of Paul's dealing with these people in Corinth. "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ....call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's..." Why does Paul put in that ~~second~~ last half of that second verse? Why doesn't he stop in the middle of it, and go on to the next verse. Paul said, I am dealing with immediate specific and vital things in this one church. I am putting my finger on the problems in this church. But he said I don't want you to think that I am just7½... with one church. He said the things that are in this church may not be as pressing in other churches now, but there is nothing in this church that is not going to come up in some other church some time, and in most other churches at some time or other. Everything I am now going to say to the Corinthians, you need to get. And so I am not going to start as I usually do, just speaking to a church, not saying anything about others, because I am dealing with such matters that everybody will want to read Phillipians, Ephesians, and Colossians, and thrill in them. I am dealing with local matters, but I am dealing with them because they not only affect this church, but they are going to affect all Christians. And so he says here specifically, I am ~~not~~ writing to this church, but also to all in every place who call upon the name of Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ, ~~not~~ our Lord, both theirs and ours. "Grace be ~~unto~~ unto you..." Why do they need grace? Haven't they already got it? Aren't they already saved? haven't they believed in Christ? The chances are the people he was writing to, most of them had. But we all need the grace of God. We were saved by the grace of God. We are saved by the grace of God, we will be saved by the grace of God. We have been justified if we believe in Christ, but we are going to be sanctified, and we will be purified, and it is all of God's grace, and we need His grace all the way. Paul needed it too, and we need it, too. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf." Now, you read what he says to these people in the next few chapters. Read the