

Lesson 01
Col. 1:1-2
Greek Text Parsing

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Praescriptio

For a comparison of the Pauline Praescriptia see [List of Epistolary Division in the Pauline Letters](#). Also see [Epistolary Divisions for the Catholic Letters](#). At a secondary layer underneath these links stands a printing of the scripture text of the divisions, and is accessible from inside the links.

Superscriptio

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Παῦλος· Proper Name - Nominative (Independent) - Masc - Sing - Παῦλος, ὁ - Paul

ἀπόστολος· 2nd declension noun - Nominative (Apposition) - Masc - Sing - ἀπόστολος, ὁ - apostle

Χριστοῦ· 2nd declension noun - Genitive (Possession) - Masc - Sing - Χριστός, ὁ - of Christ

Ἰησοῦ· Proper Name - Genitive (Possession) - Masc - Sing - Ἰησοῦς, ὁ - Jesus

διὰ· Preposition used with ablative case noun - through

θελήματος· 3rd declension noun - Ablative (Means) - Neut - Sing - θέλημα, -θελήματος, τό - through God's will

θεοῦ· 2nd declension noun - Genitive (Possession) - Masc - Sing - θεός, ὁ - God's

καί· coordinate conjunction linking the two independent nominative nouns, Παῦλος and Τιμόθεος, together

Τιμόθεος· Proper Name - Nominative (Independent) - Masc - Sing - Τιμόθεος, ὁ - Timothy

ὁ ἀδελφός· 2nd declension noun - Nominative (Apposition) - Masc - Sing - ἀδελφός, ὁ - our brother

Adscriptio

1:2

ἐν Κολοσσαῖς· Geographical Name - Locative (Place) - Fem - Plural - ἐν Κολοσσαί, αἱ - in Colossae

τοῖς ...ἀγίοις· Adjective (Substantival) - Dative (Reference) - Masc - Plural - ἅγιος, -α, -ον - to the saints
*Alternative parsing: Adjective (Attributive) - Dative - Masc - Plural - ἅγιος, -α, -ον - to the holy...brothers

καί· coordinate conjunction linking *either ἀγίοις and πιστοῖς, or ἀγίοις and ἀδελφοῖς.

πιστοῖς· Adjective (Attributive) - Dative - Masc - Plural - πιστός, -όν - to the faithful (brothers)

ἀδελφοῖς· 2nd declension noun - Dative (Reference) - Masc - Plural - ἀδελφός, ὁ - to the (faithful) brothers

ἐν Χριστῷ· 2nd declension noun - Locative (Sphere) - Masc - Sing - Χριστός, ὁ - in Christ

Salutatio

χάρις· 3rd declension noun - Nominative (Independent) - Fem - Sing - χάρις, χάριτος, ἡ - grace

ὑμῖν· Personal Pronoun - Dative (Reference) - Plural - σὺ - to you

καὶ· coordinate conjunction linking the two independent nominatives, χάρις and εἰρήνη, together.

εἰρήνη· 1st declension noun - Nominative (Independent) - Fem - Sing - εἰρήνη, ἡ - peace

ἀπὸ· Preposition used with Ablative of Source case noun, denoting the source of the grace and peace.

θεοῦ· 2nd declension noun - Ablative (Source) - Masc - Sing - θεός, ὁ - from God

πατρὸς· 3rd declension noun - Genitive (Apposition) - Masc - Sing - πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ - our Father

ἡμῶν· Personal Pronoun - Genitive (Possession) - Plural - ἐγώ - our