Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Lesson 01

Revelation 1:1a

"¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him <u>to show to</u> <u>His bondservants</u>, the things which must shortly take place."

Revelation 1:3

"³ <u>Blessed</u> is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near." The first word in the Greek text is APOCALUPSI.

Revelation 1:9

"⁹ <u>I, John</u>, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance {which are} in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."



Opening Thanksgiving (not always present) Body Conclusion

Opening: Galatians 1:1-5

"¹ Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen."

Body: Galatians 1:6ff

"⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel"

Closing: Galatians 6:18

"¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen."

"Now about"

Something was communicated that needed clarifying.

I Corinthians 8:1

"1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols. . . ."

I Corinthians 12:1

"¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts...."

"I know" formula is used in all seven communications. "... the seven proclamations exhibit not a single characteristic feature of the early Christian Epistolary tradition, a fact that must have been the result of a deliberate choice,"

– David E. Rune *Revelations*, 1-5, p. 125.

"The seven communications to the angels" (2:1-3:22) are commonly known as the Seven Letters of the Revelation, or the Letters to the Seven Churches. They are not letters, however, in any sense of the word . . . The communications in chapters 2-3 have none of the formal characteristics of the early Christian letters . . . Instead of the 'seven letters,' chapters 2-3 of Revelation should be called 'the Seven Messages',"

-- T. Ramsey Michaels, *Revelation*, pp. 64-65.

Revelations 2:1c

"^{1c} . . . the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands" "I know your deeds, your hard work, and your perseverance." "I know your affliction and your poverty." "I know where you live."

"I know . . . your love and faith, your service and pleasures."