

1. Courier commendation (4.7-9)

⁷ As to all my affairs, **Tychicus**, our beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.

Τὰ κατ' ἐμὲ πάντα γνωρίσει ὑμῖν **Τυχικός** ὁ ἀγαπητὸς ἀδελφὸς καὶ πιστὸς διάκονος καὶ σύνδουλος ἐν κυρίῳ,

⁸ For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;

ὄν ἔπεμψα πρὸς ὑμᾶς εἰς αὐτὸ τοῦτο, ἵνα γνῶτε τὰ περὶ ἡμῶν καὶ παρακαλέση τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν,

⁹ and with him **Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your number.

σὺν Ὀνησίμῳ τῷ πιστῷ καὶ ἀγαπητῷ ἀδελφῷ, ὃς ἐστὶν ἐξ ὑμῶν·

They will inform you about the whole situation here.

πάντα ὑμῖν γνωρίσουσιν τὰ ὧδε.

2. Greetings (4.10-15)

a. Paul's fellow workers (10-14)

1) Jews (10-11)

¹⁰ **Aristarchus**, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings;

Ἀσπάζεταιται ὑμᾶς **Ἀρίσταρχος** ὁ συναιχμάλωτός μου

and also Barnabas's cousin **Mark**

(about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him);

καὶ **Μάρκος** ὁ ἀνεψιὸς Βαρναβᾶ

(περὶ οὗ ἐλάβετε ἐντολάς, ἐὰν ἔλθῃ πρὸς ὑμᾶς, δέξασθε αὐτόν)

¹¹ and also **Jesus** who is called Justus;

καὶ Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Ἰουστός,

these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision, and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

οἱ ὄντες ἐκ περιτομῆς, οὗτοι μόνοι συνεργοὶ εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ, οἵτινες ἐγενήθησάν μοι παρηγορία.

2) Gentiles (12-14)

¹² **Ephras**, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings,

ἀσπάζεταιται ὑμᾶς **Ἐπαφρᾶς** ὁ ἐξ ὑμῶν, δοῦλος Χριστοῦ [Ἰησοῦ],

always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers,

πάντοτε ἀγωνιζόμενος ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐν ταῖς προσευχαῖς,

that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

ἵνα σταθῆτε τέλειοι καὶ πεπληροφορημένοι ἐν παντὶ θελήματι τοῦ θεοῦ.

¹³ For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you
μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτῷ ὅτι ἔχει πολὺν πόνον ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν

and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.
καὶ τῶν ἐν Λαοδικείᾳ καὶ τῶν ἐν Ἱεραπόλει.

¹⁴ **Luke**, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings,
ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς **Λουκᾶς** ὁ ἰατρὸς ὁ ἀγαπητὸς

and also **Demas**.
καὶ **Δημᾶς**.

b. Paul (with Timothy; 15)

Greet **the brethren** who are in Laodicea
Ἀσπάσασθε τοὺς ἐν Λαοδικείᾳ **ἀδελφούς**

and also **Nympha** and the **church** that is in her house.
καὶ **Νύμφαν** καὶ τὴν κατ' οἶκον αὐτῆς **ἐκκλησίαν**.

3. Final directives (4.16-17)

a. Exchange letters (16)

When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the **church of the Laodiceans**;

καὶ ὅταν ἀναγνωσθῇ παρ' ὑμῖν ἡ ἐπιστολή, ποιήσατε ἵνα καὶ ἐν τῇ **Λαοδικέων ἐκκλησίᾳ** ἀναγνωσθῇ,

and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea.
καὶ τὴν ἐκ Λαοδικείας ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς ἀναγνῶτε.

b. Ministry charge: Archippus (17)

Say to **Archippus**, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

καὶ εἶπατε **Ἀρχίππῳ**, βλέπε τὴν διακονίαν ἣν παρέλαβες ἐν κυρίῳ, ἵνα αὐτὴν πληροῖς.

4. Farewell (4.18)

a. Apostolic signature (18a)

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου.

b. Final request (18b)

Remember my imprisonment.
μνημονεύετέ μου τῶν δεσμῶν.

c. Benediction (18c)

Grace be with you.
ἡ χάρις μεθ' ὑμῶν.