The Format of the Pauline Letters

Greeting

Comes from sender to receiver.

Is highly complimentary.

Prayer

Most often provides a thanksgiving for the efforts and successes of the audience.

Body

Addresses whatever issues the author wants to discuss.

Includes general advice about Christian living.

Discusses the accomplishments of the community.

Pulls from and interprets Jesus’ teachings.

Closing

Includes greetings and instructions to specific people.

Provides a final blessing.