

The Format of the Pauline Letters

The Pauline letters have the following features in common:

- 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.

