

Handout #2

Macrostructure

Aperture = ?

Closure = ?

Col 1:1-2

Epistolary prescript characteristics (Paul's epistles)

(cf. Philemon series, Lecture 5, Handout #4, p. 3;

<http://nwts.edu/audio/JTD/Philemon.htm>.)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Prescription/Subscription =

Inscription/Adscription =

Salutation/Benediction =

v. 1—"apostle" = 1.

2.

3.

"Christ Jesus" (Greek text), never "Jesus Christ" in Col. Why?

"of" = possessive genitive, meaning ?

Timothy. Why?

"brother"

v. 2—structure (Greek original): lit., "in Colossae saints and faithful brethren in Christ"

What do you notice?

In Colossae = ?

In Christ = ?

Space/time dimension: in Col.

_____ / _____ dimension: in Christ

(in Christ) Historical

semi-eschatological (Vos)

now

present

provisional

mystical union

mortal

really participates via faith

possesses in hope

ephemeral

(in Christ) Eschatological

final-eschatological

fully participates beyond faith

“in Christ” (1:2, 28) variations: “in/by him” (1:16, 17, 19; 2:6, 7, 9, 10, 11); “in whom (i.e., Christ)” (1:14; 2:3); “into/in Christ” (2:5); “with him” (2:13; 3:4); “with Christ” (2:20; 3:3)

Saints = lit. “holy ones” = “Israel of God” (Gal 6:16) = New Israel (of the end of the age)

Cf. Ananias in Acts 9:13= “thy saints/holy ones” = Christians as God’s holy nation

“Israel of God” not ethnic Jews, not race, not particular nation, land, city, terra firma, but

cf. Col 3:11 = Jew and Greek, bond /free, slave /freeman, male /female (Gal 3:28), etc.