**CHAP. I. 1, 2.]** ADDRESS AND GREETING.

**1. by the will of God]** See  
1 Cor. i. 1, note.

**Timothy our brother]**So of Sosthenes, 1 Cor. i. 1; perhaps in  
this case with peculiar emphasis: see 1 Cor.  
iv. 17; 1 Tim. i. 2, 18; 2 Tim. ii. 1.  
On his being with Paul at this time, see  
Introd. to this Epistle, § ii. 4.

**with  
all the saints]** This, and the Epistle to  
the Galatians, were circular letters to all  
the believers in the respective countries:  
the variation of expression in the two  
eases (“*to the churches of Galatia*,” Gal.  
i. 2) being accounted for by the circumstance that the matter of this Epistle  
concerned *directly the church at Corinth,*and *indirectly* all the saints in the province,—whereas that to the Galatians,  
being to correct deep-rooted Judaizing  
error, directly concerned all the *churches*  
of Galatia.—*Achaia* comprehended Hellas  
(Greece proper) and Peloponnesus (Morea);  
the province was so named by the Romans  
because they became possessed of them by  
subduing the *Achæan* league. On the  
history of the province, see Acts xviii. 12  
and note.

**2.]** See 1 Cor. i. 3.

**3—11.]** THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM GREAT DANGER OF HIS LIFE:–HIS ABILITY TO COMFORT OTHERS IN  
AFFLICTION. Commentators have endeavoured to assign a definite purpose to this  
opening of the Epistle.—De Wette thinks  
that Paul had *no* definite purpose, except  
to pour out the thankfulness of his heart,  
and to begin by placing himself with his  
readers in a position of religious feeling  
and principle far above all discord and  
dissension. But I cannot agree with this.  
His purpose shews so plainly through the  
whole latter part of the chapter, that it is  
only consistent with verses 12—24 to find  
it beginning to be introduced here also.  
I believe that Chrysostom has given the right account: “The  
not coming annoyed and discomposed them,  
especially as he had promised he would  
come, but had spent all the time in Macedonia, and seemed to have preferred others  
to them. For this cause, knowing the  
feeling against him on this matter, he  
tells them the cause of his not coming.  
But he does not set it down plainly, nor  
does he say, ‘I know that I promised to