blessing of St. Paul is usually  
*grace*, not *peace:* see [Rom. xvi. 24]  
1 Cor. xvi, 23; 2 Cor. xiii. 13; Gal. vi.  
18; Eph. vi. 24 [where however “*peace  
be to the brethren,*” *&c.* precedes];  
Phil. iv. 23; Col. iv. 18; 1 Thess. v. 28;  
2 Thess. iii. 18; 1 Tim. vi. 21; 2 Tim. iv.  
22; Titus iii. 15: Philem. 25 [Heb. xiii.  
25]. Gerhard says well that the formula  
came into use from the salutation of Christ  
after the Resurrection. The blessing differs  
also from those in St. Paul, in the limitation implied by **you all that are in Christ,**  
whereas St. Paul has ever “*with you all.”*  
Here it is, “Peace to you, I mean, all that  
are, and in as far as they are, in Christ;”  
in union and communion with Him.  
“*That are in Christ*” is quite in St.  
Paul’s manner: compare Rom. viii. 8;  
xvi. 7; 2 Cor. v. 17. See also our ch. iii.  
16; v. 10).