

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

### **A Friendly Reminder**

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians provides us with excellent insight into the life of the early Christian Church. As we will discover, much of the issues that faced the church in the early days, still confront churches of today regardless of denomination. The book was written about 55 AD during Paul's stay in Ephesus. People who witnessed the teachings of Christ are still around.



Photo: Lupines: There is nothing more peaceful than a field of lupines.

Paul responds to several issues in the early church. These include divisions among the church, immorality, legal issues and the Lord's Supper.

Paul begins his writing with these first three versus: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Every Day with God**

Paul writes this letter to the Christians in Corinth and addresses it to Sosthenes who may have been the ruler in the synagogue. Paul had already been to Corinth and plans again to spend the winter there, which he does. How many times have you heard the words spoken by ministers "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?" Isn't it a fitting way to begin a church service or a letter? We are reminded once again that God is all about grace and that he is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's a friendly reminder we should never forget.

**Prayer:** Thank you for being all about grace and peace.