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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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## Letterwriting

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To open my message I would like to begin with the words of a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ". Now doesn't that sound to you like a beautiful way to begin a letter? Well, it certainly does to me. And in speaking of letters I have chosen that as our topic for the broadcast--"Letterwriting".

As strange as it may seem many folks don't like to write letters. Do you know some folks like this? Well, there are very few people indeed who do not enjoy a good letter from a close friend or relative or perhaps even from some one whom they don't know so well if it shows an interest in them. In other words most folks like to get letters, especially if they are good letters. We have received many many good and encouraging letters and we appreciate them. Sometimes we receive letters which are not so encouraging. These, of course, we just commit to the Lord too. And we would especially like to stress at this time the importance of letterwriting. One of the next best things to a good personal visit with a friend is a letter from that friend. Soldier boys who are far from home in a distant land look forward for 'mail-time'. And no doubt many a comforting word has been a blessing to lonely hearts. In Prov. 25:25 we find these words, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far

country."

Here is another letter Paul wrote to the Philippian brethren. He said, "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

No doubt it was a comfort to the Apostle Paul when he would get some good news of the saints who were encouraged in the Lord. It was refreshing to him too.

You know, friends, it is not so hard

