

2 Corinthians 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

Analysis

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—Paul shifts from travel plans to gospel's core: Jesus Christ, ho huios tou theou (οὐνίος τοῦ θεοῦ, "the Son of God"), proclaimed κέρυχθεις (κηρυχθείς, "heralded") by Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy during the original mission (Acts 18).

Was not yea and nay, but in him was yea—perfect gegonen (γέγονεν, "has become and remains") emphasizes permanence. Christ doesn't oscillate; He IS 'Yes'—the fulfillment, affirmation, ratification of every divine promise.

Historical Context

Written around AD 55-56 from Macedonia after Paul's 'painful visit' to Corinth (2:1). The Corinthian church faced challenges to Paul's apostolic authority from 'super-apostles' (11:5) who valued eloquence over cruciform ministry. Paul writes to defend his ministry, explain his changed travel plans, and restore relationship with this fractious congregation.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Do I proclaim a Christ who is unequivocal 'Yes' to God's promises, or hedge with qualifications?
2. How does Christ's consistency provide foundation for my integrity when others question my motives?
3. What gospel truth must remain 'Yes'—no vacillating—regardless of cultural pressure?

Interlinear Text

ό	γὰρ	ό	θεοῦ	υἱὸς	Ἰησοῦς	Χριστὸς	ό	ἐν	ὑμῖν
who	For	who	of God	the Son	Jesus	Christ	who	among	you
G3588	G1063	G3588	G2316	G5207	G2424	G5547	G3588	G1722	G5213
δι'	ἡμῶν	κηρυχθείς	δι'	ἐμοῦ	καὶ	Σιλουανοῦ	καὶ		
by	us	was preached	by	me	and	Silvanus	and		
G1223	G2257	G2784	G1223	G1700	G2532	G4610	G2532		
Τιμοθέου	Οὐ	γέγονεν	Ναὶ	καὶ	Οὐ	ἀλλὰ	Ναὶ	ἐν	
Timotheus	nay	was	yea	and	nay	but	yea	among	
G5095	G3756	G1096	G3483	G2532	G3756	G235	G3483	G1722	
αὐτῷ	γέγονεν								
him	was								
G846	G1096								

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:8 (References Jesus): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Revelation 1:8 (Parallel theme): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:17 (Parallel theme): And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

2 John 1:9 (References Christ): Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Revelation 2:18 (References God): And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

Acts 18:5 (References Jesus): And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

1 John 5:20 (References Jesus): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Revelation 1:11 (Parallel theme): Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Hebrews 1:11 (Parallel theme): They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

Acts 15:22 (Parallel theme): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: