

# 2 Corinthians 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Analysis

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**Grace be to you and peace** (χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη) — Paul's greeting merges Greek *charis* ("grace," unmerited favor) with Hebrew *shalom* ("peace," wholeness). In a letter addressing deep wounds, he invokes God's enabling power and reconciliation.

**From God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ** — the dual *apo* (ἀπό, "from") places Father and Son on equal footing as co-fountains of grace and peace, affirming Christ's deity.

## Historical Context

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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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. Do I believe grace and peace come 'from God' alone, or seek them through human approval?
2. How would viewing relationships through 'grace and peace' transform difficult interactions?
3. What does receiving grace 'from the Lord Jesus Christ' mean when I feel neither gracious nor peaceful?

## Interlinear Text

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χάρις	ὑμῖν	καὶ	εἰρήνη	ἀπὸ	θεοῦ	πατρὸς	ἡμῶν	καὶ
Grace	be to you	and	peace	from	God	Father	our	and
G5485	G5213	G2532	G1515	G575	G2316	G3962	G2257	G2532
κυρίου	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ						
from the Lord	Jesus	Christ						
G2962	G2424	G5547						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 1:7** (Grace): To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 6:23** (Peace): Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:2** (Grace): Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:2** (Grace): To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Chronicles 12:18** (Peace): Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

**Philemon 1:3** (Grace): Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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