

2 Corinthians 4:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

Analysis

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus (eidotes hoti ho egeiras ton kyrion Iēsoun kai hēmas syn Iēsou egerei, εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς σὺν Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ)—Paul's endurance is grounded in resurrection confidence. Eidotes (εἰδότες, 'knowing') implies settled knowledge, not wishful thinking. The same God who raised Christ will raise (egerei, ἐγερεῖ, future tense) Paul and all believers.

And shall present us with you (kai parastēsei syn hymin, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν)—paristēmi (παρίστημι, 'to present, stand beside') suggests formal presentation before God. Paul and the Corinthians will stand together in resurrection glory. The syn (σύν, 'with, together with') twice emphasizes solidarity—we're raised together, presented together. Apostolic suffering and Corinthian faith are bound together in resurrection hope.

Historical Context

Paul's resurrection theology is thoroughly Jewish, rooted in Daniel 12:2 and later Pharisaic belief. But he Christianizes it: resurrection comes 'by Jesus' (instrumental), through union with the risen Christ (Rom 6:5). This wasn't abstract theology for Paul—it was the concrete hope that made present suffering bearable and ministry fruitfulness possible beyond death.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does concrete belief in bodily resurrection affect your daily choices and ministry priorities?
2. What difference does it make that you'll be 'presented with' other believers rather than alone?
3. In what ways does resurrection hope function as more than escape from suffering and actually empower endurance through it?

Interlinear Text

εἰδότες	ὅτι	ὁ	ἐγερεῖ	τὸν	κύριον	Ἰησοῦ	καὶ
Knowing	that	G3588	he which raised up	G3588	the Lord	Jesus	also
G1492	G3754		G1453		G2962	G2424	G2532
ἡμᾶς	διὰ	Ἰησοῦ	ἐγερεῖ	καὶ	παραστήσει	σὺν	
us	by	Jesus	he which raised up	also	shall present	us with	
G2248	G1223	G2424	G1453	G2532	G3936	G4862	
ὕμῃν							
you							
G5213							

Additional Cross-References

Romans 8:11 (Resurrection): But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (References Jesus): For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Jude 1:24 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Ephesians 5:27 (Parallel theme): That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (Resurrection): And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

2 Corinthians 11:2 (Parallel theme): For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Isaiah 26:19 (Resurrection): Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Colossians 1:22 (Parallel theme): In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

Colossians 1:28 (References Jesus): Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: