

2 Thessalonians 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Analysis

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day—Christ comes both to judge (vv. 8-9) and to be **glorified in** (endoxasthēnai en, ἐνδοξασθῆναι ἐν) His saints. They become His glory, reflecting His character perfectly. **To be admired** (thaumasthēnai, θαυμασθῆναι, 'to be marveled at') shows Christ receiving worship through transformed believers.

In all them that believe includes the Thessalonians—**because our testimony among you was believed** (parenthetical insertion). Their present suffering guarantees future participation in Christ's glory. **In that day** refers to 'the day of the Lord' (2:2), the second coming. Believers won't merely attend Christ's coronation—they'll be His crown.

Historical Context

Roman triumphs displayed conquered peoples as trophies, glorifying the emperor. Paul inverts this: Christ's triumph displays redeemed saints as His glory. The conqueror is glorified through those He liberated, not humiliated. Believers become living monuments to Christ's victory over sin and death.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How will your life specifically glorify Christ on that day?
2. What does it mean for Christ to be 'admired' through believers rather than independent of them?
3. How should the certainty of glorification with Christ affect your current trials?

Interlinear Text

ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐνδοξασθῆναι ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ καὶ
When **he shall come** **to be glorified** **in** ^{G3588} **saints** ^{G846} **and**
^{G3752} ^{G2064} ^{G1740} ^{G1722} ^{G40} ^{G2532}

θαυμασθῆναι ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς ἐπιστεύθῃ ὅτι
to be admired **in** **all** ^{G3588} **them that believe** **(because**
^{G2296} ^{G1722} ^{G3956} ^{G4100} ^{G3754}

ἐπιστεύθῃ τὸ μαρτύριον ἡμῶν ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἐν τῇ
them that believe ^{G3588} **testimony** **our** **among** **you** **in** ^{G3588}
^{G4100} ^{G3142} ^{G2257} ^{G1909} ^{G5209} ^{G1722}

ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ
day **that**
^{G2250} ^{G1565}

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 3:13 (Parallel theme): Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

John 17:10 (Glory): And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

2 Timothy 4:8 (Parallel theme): Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Ephesians 1:18 (Glory): The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Isaiah 49:3 (Glory): And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Psalms 89:7 (Holy): God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

1 Corinthians 1:6 (Witness): Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

Numbers 23:23 (Parallel theme): Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

1 Peter 2:9 (Holy): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: