

2 Thessalonians 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

Analysis

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power—Wherefore connects prayer to eschatological hope. Paul prays God would **count you worthy** (axiōsē, ἀξιώσῃ, deem worthy) of **this calling** (klēseōs, κλήσεως)—not earning worthiness but living consistently with divine election.

Fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness (eudokian agathōsynēs, εὐδοκίαν ἀγαθωσύνης)—God's sovereign delight in doing good to His people. **The work of faith with power** (ergon pisteōs en dynamei, ἔργον πίστεως ἐν δυνάμει) shows faith produces works through divine power. God both initiates the calling and completes the transformation. Prayer acknowledges human dependence on divine enablement.

Historical Context

Ancient patronage systems required clients to live worthy of their benefactor's name. Paul uses this cultural framework: God has chosen believers as His clients; they must honor His reputation. Unlike human patrons, God supplies the power to fulfill expectations He sets.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What specific 'good pleasure' is God working to fulfill in your life right now?
2. How does God both demand worthy living and supply the power to achieve it?
3. What 'work of faith' are you attempting in your own strength rather than God's power?

Interlinear Text

εἰς	ὅ	καὶ	προσευχόμεθα	πάντοτε	περὶ	ὑμῶν	ἵνα
Wherefore	G3739	also	we pray	always	for	you	that
G1519	G2532		G4336	G3842	G4012	G5216	G2443
ὑμᾶς	ἀξιώσῃ	τῆς	κλήσεως	ὅ	θεὸς	ἡμῶν	καὶ
you	worthy	G3588	of this calling	G3588	God	our	also
G5209	G515		G2821	G2316	G2257	G2532	
πληρώσῃ	πᾶσαν		εὐδοκίαν	ἀγαθωσύνης	καὶ	ἔργον	
fulfil	all		the good pleasure	of his goodness	also	the work	
G4137	G3956		G2107	G19	G2532	G2041	
πίστεως	ἐν	δυνάμει					
of faith	with	power					
G4102	G1722	G1411					

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 2:13 (Good): For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (Faith): Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

2 Thessalonians 1:5 (References God): Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

Hebrews 12:2 (Faith): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:14 (Parallel theme): Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 51:18 (Good): Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Psalms 138:8 (Parallel theme): The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Ephesians 1:5 (Good): Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Romans 8:30 (Parallel theme): Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Luke 12:32 (Good): Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.