

2 Thessalonians 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ—the purpose of worthy living: mutual glorification. **The name** (representing Christ's character) is **glorified in you** when believers reflect His nature. Simultaneously, **ye in him** are glorified—caught up into His splendor.

This reciprocal glory comes **according to the grace** (kata tēn charin, κατὰ τὴν χάριν)—unmerited favor is both source and standard. The single article governs **our God and the Lord Jesus Christ** (tou Theou hēmōn kai Kyriou Iēsou Christou, τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ), a grammatical construction (Granville Sharp rule) indicating shared deity. Grace flows from the one divine essence.

Historical Context

Names in the ancient world carried weight—bearing someone's name meant representing their authority. Christians were called 'the name' (Acts 5:41), identifying them completely with Christ. To glorify Christ's name meant vindicating His reputation through holy living in hostile environments.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How specifically does your life bring glory or shame to Christ's name?
2. What does it mean for believers to be glorified 'in Christ' rather than independently?
3. How does recognizing grace as the source of transformation prevent legalism?

Interlinear Text

ὅπως	ἐνδοξασθῇ	τὸ	ὄνομα	τοῦ	κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ
That G3704	may be glorified G1740	G3588	the name G3686	G3588	Lord G2962	of our G2257	Jesus G2424
Χριστοῦ	ἐν	ὑμῖν	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	ἐν	αὐτῷ	κατὰ τὴν
Christ G5547	in G1722	you G5213	and G2532	ye G5210	in G1722	him G846	according to G2596 G3588
χάριν	τοῦ	θεοῦ	ἡμῶν	καὶ	κυρίου	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ
the grace G5485	G3588	God G2316	of our G2257	and G2532	Lord G2962	Jesus G2424	Christ G5547

Additional Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 1:10 (Glory): 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.

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

1 Peter 4:14 (Glory): If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

2 Corinthians 13:4 (References God): For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Revelation 1:4 (Grace): John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

1 Corinthians 1:4 (Grace): I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

2 Corinthians 8:9 (Grace): For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Isaiah 45:17 (References Lord): But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

Isaiah 66:5 (Glory): Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

Psalms 72:17 (Parallel theme): His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.