

2 Thessalonians 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ —Paul's standard greeting carries profound theology. Charis (χάρις, grace) is God's unmerited favor, the foundation of salvation and perseverance. Eirēnē (εἰρήνη, peace) is the Hebrew shalom—total well-being, reconciliation with God, and the end of enmity.

These gifts flow **from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**, a single prepositional phrase indicating one divine source. The Thessalonians, enduring severe persecution (v. 4), desperately needed both grace to stand firm and peace amid turmoil. Paul will show that Christ's return brings ultimate justice and vindication for the suffering faithful.

Historical Context

The Thessalonian church, composed of converted Gentiles and Jews, faced hostility from both pagan neighbors and the Jewish community. Roman imperial pressure and local mob violence (Acts 17:5-9) created an atmosphere of fear. Paul's words provided divine comfort in a hostile environment.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's grace differ from mere optimism or positive thinking during trials?
2. In what specific area of life do you most need divine peace right now?
3. How does the equal pairing of Father and Son throughout Paul's greetings affirm Christ's deity?

Interlinear Text

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

Additional Cross-References

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.

1 Corinthians 1:3 (Grace): Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:8 (References Jesus): Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.