

2 Thessalonians 2:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace—Paul shifts from command to prayer. **Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father** (single subject with compound description) emphasizes the unity of Father and Son as source of blessing.

Which hath loved us (agapēsas hēmas, ἀγαπήσας ἡμᾶς, aorist tense—decisive past love, Calvary) results in **everlasting consolation** (paraklēsin aiōnion, παράκλησιν αἰώνιον, eternal comfort) and **good hope** (elpida agathēn, ἐλπίδα ἀγαθήν). **Through grace** (en chariti, ἐν χάριτι)—unmerited favor, not earned comfort. Past love guarantees eternal encouragement and confident expectation.

Historical Context

Persecuted Thessalonians needed supernatural comfort human sympathy couldn't provide. Paul directs them to God's unfailing love demonstrated at the cross. Eternal consolation doesn't depend on circumstances changing but on God's unchanging character.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does 'everlasting consolation' differ from temporary emotional relief?
2. What 'good hope' do you cling to when circumstances seem hopeless?
3. How does remembering God's past love (Calvary) sustain you through present trials?

Interlinear Text

Αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς καὶ ὁ
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παράκλησιν αἰωνίαν καὶ ἐλπίδα ἀγαθὴν ἐν χάριτι
consolation us everlasting and hope good through grace
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Additional Cross-References

John 3:16 (Love): For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 Thessalonians 3:11 (References Jesus): Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

Titus 1:2 (Eternal Life): In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Revelation 1:5 (Love): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Acts 15:11 (Grace): But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Acts 18:27 (Grace): And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

Colossians 1:23 (Hope): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Ephesians 5:2 (Love): And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:25 (Love): Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Romans 4:16 (Grace): Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,