

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Analysis

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all—the Lord of peace himself (autos ho Kyrios tēs eirēnēs, αὐτὸς ὁ Κύριος τῆς εἰρήνης)—Christ is peace's source and giver. **Give you peace** (dōē hymin tēn eirēnēn, δώη ὑμῖν τὴν εἰρήνην) is optative mood—prayer/wish. **Always** (dia pantos, διὰ παντός, continually) **by all means** (en panti tropō, ἐν παντὶ τρόπῳ, in every way, every circumstance).

The Lord be with you all (meta pantōn hymas, μετὰ πάντων ὑμᾶς)—including the disciplined (v. 14). Peace through Christ's presence, regardless of external chaos. Amidst persecution, false teaching, and church discipline, believers need supernatural peace only Christ provides. His presence guarantees shalom.

Historical Context

Thessalonica faced external persecution and internal disorder—conditions hostile to peace. Paul's benediction promises divine peace transcending circumstances. This echoes Jesus's 'Peace I leave with you' (John 14:27)—peace the world cannot give or take away.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ give peace 'by all means'—what specific means has He used in your life?
2. In what current circumstance do you need Christ's supernatural peace?
3. How does Christ's presence produce peace regardless of external conditions?

Interlinear Text

Αὐτὸς	δὲ	ὁ	κύριος	τῆς	εἰρήνης	δώη	ὑμῖν	τὴν
himself	Now	G3588	The Lord	G3588	of peace	give	you	G3588
G846	G1161		G2962		G1515	G1325	G5213	
εἰρήνην	διὰ	πάντων	ἐν	πάντων	τρόπῳ	ὁ	κύριος	
of peace	always	all	by	all	means	G3588	The Lord	
G1515	G1223	G3956	G1722	G3956	G5158		G2962	
μετὰ	πάντων	ὑμῶν						
be with	all	you						
G3326	G3956	G5216						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 29:11 (Peace): The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

John 16:33 (Peace): These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 14:27 (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 15:33 (Peace): Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 16:20 (Peace): And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Matthew 1:23 (Parallel theme): Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Luke 2:14 (Peace): Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (Peace): And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Judges 6:24 (References Lord): Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Romans 1:7 (Peace): 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.