

# Philippians 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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**Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ** (χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη, charis hymin kai eirēnē)—Paul's standard greeting combines Greek charis ("grace," unmerited favor) with Hebrew shalom (εἰρήνη, eirēnē, comprehensive wellbeing). This is no mere pleasantry but theological proclamation: grace precedes peace, and both flow from divine source.

The dual source—**God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ**—asserts Christ's deity through the grammar of correlation. The single preposition apo ("from") governing both Father and Son places them on equal footing as co-source of divine blessing. Kyrios Iēsous Christos ("Lord Jesus Christ") was Paul's counter-claim to Caesar's lordship in this Roman colony.

## Historical Context

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The greeting formula adapted Jewish epistolary conventions (seen in 2 Baruch 78:2) to Christian theology. In Philippi, a city saturated with emperor worship and imperial propaganda, Paul's ascription of lordship to Jesus was politically subversive. The Roman colony's loyalty oath to Caesar made this greeting a quiet declaration of competing allegiance.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the order 'grace and peace' reflect the gospel's structure and God's saving work?
2. In what ways does calling Jesus 'Lord' challenge the lordships you face in contemporary culture?
3. What difference does it make that grace and peace come from both Father and Son together?

## Interlinear Text

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

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**2 Corinthians 1:2** (Grace): Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 1:2** (Grace): Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

