

Romans 15:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Analysis

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen (Ο δὲ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν. ἀμήν, ho de theos tēs eirēnēs meta pantōn hymōn. amēn)—Paul concludes with a benediction, addressing God as theos tēs eirēnēs (God of peace). Eirēnē (peace) is comprehensive shalom: reconciliation with God (5:1), harmony among believers (14:19), and eschatological wholeness (8:6). In context (chapters 14-15's focus on Jewish-Gentile unity), 'God of peace' particularly emphasizes the peace-making God who reconciles diverse peoples in Christ. God's character as peace-bringer grounds the call for believers to make peace with one another.

Meta pantōn hymōn (with all of you)—pantōn (all) is emphatic and inclusive: weak and strong, Jewish and Gentile, slave and free. The God of peace is with all, no one excluded. Amēn seals the benediction with affirmation: 'so be it,' 'truly,' expressing confident trust. Peace isn't human achievement but divine presence—God himself with his people. This anticipates Immanuel (God with us), consummated in Revelation 21:3: 'God himself shall be with them.'

Historical Context

Paul's 'God of peace' benedictions appear throughout his letters (16:20, 2 Cor 13:11, Phil 4:9, 1 Thess 5:23, 2 Thess 3:16), reflecting Jewish 'shalom' greetings but deepened christologically—peace is made through Christ's blood (Col 1:20). For Roman believers facing Neronian hostility and internal Jewish-Gentile tensions, the promise of God's peace-presence was profoundly comforting and necessary.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as 'the God of peace' (not merely the God who gives peace) deepen your understanding of peace's source and nature?
2. In what relationships or situations do you need the God of peace to be 'with' you, bringing his reconciling presence?
3. How should the promise that God is 'with all of you'—including those unlike you or in conflict with you—shape your pursuit of Christian unity?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 13:11 (Peace): Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Hebrews 13:20 (Peace): Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

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.

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.

Philippians 4:9 (Peace): Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (Peace): Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (Peace): For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (References God): The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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