

2 Thessalonians 1:12

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*NIV*)

1. Some Trinitarians try to force this verse to “prove” the Trinity by what is known as the Granville Sharp Rule of Greek grammar. We have shown that this is not a valid proof of the Trinity (see Eph. 5:5, “The Granville Sharp Rule”).

2. It is easily established in Scripture that both God and Jesus Christ give grace. The phrase “the grace of God” is well attested to, and there are plenty of verses in the Old and New Testament that reveal the grace of God. That Jesus Christ also gives grace is obvious in scriptures such as 2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 1:6; 6:18; Ephesians 4:7; Philippians 4:23, *etc.* Also, it is well known from the salutations at the beginning of the Epistles that both God and Jesus Christ send their grace and peace to Christians. One example will do, although many could be given: “To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 1:7). Since it is so plain in the Bible that both God and Christ give us grace, there is no reason to try to make the two of them into one, and thus remove the Father from the verse.

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