

Acts 20:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Analysis

Paul's final commendation - 'I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace' - identifies the twin foundations for Christian perseverance: God's person and His revealed Word. The 'word of his grace' doesn't merely inform but actively 'builds up' and gives inheritance. This confidence in Scripture's power through the Spirit's work remains the church's hope across generations.

Historical Context

This farewell to the Ephesian elders (whom Paul expected never to see again, verse 25) established their spiritual resources for continuing ministry after his departure. His emphasis on Word over personality cult provided healthy foundation.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does your spiritual life rest on God's Word rather than dependency on human teachers?
2. What does this teach about the sufficiency of Scripture and grace for Christian growth and ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ τανϋν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς ἀδελφοὶ, τοῖς θεῷ καὶ
And G3568 **I commend** G3908 **you** G5209 **brethren** G80 **which** G3588 **to God** G2316 **And** G2532

τοῖς λόγῳ τοῖς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τοῖς δυναμένῳ
which G3588 **to the word** G3056 **which** G3588 **grace** G5485 **of his** G846 **which** G3588 **is able** G1410

ἐποίκοδομησαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς
to build you up G2026 **And** G2532 **to give** G1325 **you** G5213 **an inheritance** G2817 **among** G1722 **which** G3588

ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν
them which are sanctified G37 **all** G3956

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 1:12 (Holy): Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Acts 26:18 (Holy): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Colossians 3:24 (Parallel theme): Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Ephesians 1:14 (Parallel theme): Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Hebrews 9:15 (Parallel theme): And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Colossians 2:7 (Parallel theme): Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Ephesians 1:18 (Holy): The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Jeremiah 3:19 (Parallel theme): But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

Acts 20:24 (Grace): But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Ephesians 5:5 (References God): For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.