

Ephesians 1:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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,

Analysis

[Verse 1:18 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 1 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

Historical Context

Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 1 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 1:18 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

Interlinear Text

πεφωτισμένους τοὺς ὄφθαλμοὺς τῆς διανοίας ὑμῶν εἰς
being enlightened G3588 The eyes G3588 understanding G1271 of your G5216 that G1519
G5461 G3788 G1271 G5216 G1519

τὸ εἰδέναι ὑμᾶς τίς ἐστιν ἡ ἐλπὶς τῆς κλήσεως
G3588 may know ye what is the hope G3588 calling G2821
G1492 G5209 G5101 G2076 G1680 G2821

αὐτοῦ καὶ τίς ὁ πλοῦτος τῆς δόξης τῆς
of his and what G3588 the riches G3588 of the glory G3588
G846 G2532 G5101 G4149 G1391

κληρονομίας αὐτοῦ ἐν τοῖς ἀγίοις
inheritance of his in G3588 the saints G40
G2817 G846 G1722 G40

Additional Cross-References

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.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (Glory): For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:45 (Parallel theme): Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Ephesians 1:7 (Parallel theme): In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 5:8 (Light): For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Ephesians 3:16 (Glory): That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Psalms 119:18 (Parallel theme): Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Ephesians 4:4 (Hope): There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Isaiah 42:7 (Parallel theme): To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Titus 3:7 (Hope): That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.