

Ephesians 1:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Analysis

[Verse 1:21 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 1:21 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

ὑπεράνω παντὸς ἀρχῆς καὶ ἔξουσίας καὶ δυνάμεως
Far above all principality also power also might
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καὶ κυριότητος καὶ παντὸς ὄνοματος ὄνομαζομένου οὐ
also dominion also all name that is named not
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μόνον ἐν τῷ αἰῶνι τούτῳ ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν τῷ
only in G3588 world this but also in G3588
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μέλλοντι.
that which is to come
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Additional Cross-References

Colossians 2:10 (Parallel theme): And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Hebrews 1:4 (Parallel theme): Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

1 Peter 3:22 (Parallel theme): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Acts 4:12 (Parallel theme): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Colossians 2:15 (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Daniel 7:27 (Parallel theme): And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Ephesians 3:10 (Parallel theme): To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Hebrews 4:14 (Parallel theme): Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Ephesians 6:12 (Parallel theme): For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.