

Ephesians 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Analysis

[Verse 2:12 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 2 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 2 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 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:12 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

ὅτι	ἦτε	ἐν	τῷ	καιρῷ	ἐκείνῳ	χωρὶς	Χριστοῦ
That	ye were	at	time	that	without	Christ	
G3754	G2258	G1722	G3588	G2540	G1565	G5565	G5547
ἀπηλλοτριωμένοι	τῆς	πολιτείας	τοῦ	Ἰσραὴλ	καὶ		
being aliens		from the commonwealth		of Israel	and		
G526	G3588	G4174	G3588	G2474	G2532		
ξένοι	τῶν	διαθηκῶν	τῆς	ἐπαγγελίας	ἐλπίδα	μὴ	
strangers		from the covenants		of promise	hope	no	
G3581	G3588	G1242	G3588	G1860	G1680	G3361	
ἔχοντες	καὶ	ἄθεοι	ἐν	τῷ	κόσμῳ		
having	and	without God	at	the world			
G2192	G2532	G112	G1722	G3588	G2889		

Additional Cross-References

Galatians 4:8 (References God): Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

Colossians 1:21 (Parallel theme): And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

1 Peter 1:3 (Hope): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Ephesians 4:18 (References God): Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (Hope): But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

Ezekiel 37:26 (Covenant): Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (References God): Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

John 15:5 (Parallel theme): I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Hebrews 6:18 (Hope): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Acts 3:25 (Covenant): Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.