

Ephesians 2:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Analysis

[Verse 2:20 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:20 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

ἐποικοδομηθέντες	ἐπὶ	τῷ	θεμελίῳ	τῶν	ἀποστόλων	καὶ
And are built	upon	G3588	the foundation	G3588	of the apostles	and
G2026	G1909		G2310		G652	G2532
προφητῶν	ὄντος	ἀκρογωνιαίου	αὐτοῦ	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	
prophets	being	the chief corner	himself	Jesus	Christ	
G4396	G5607	G204	G846	G2424	G5547	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 28:16 (Parallel theme): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Psalms 118:22 (Parallel theme): The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

Revelation 21:14 (Parallel theme): And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (Prophecy): And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Matthew 21:42 (References Jesus): Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

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