

Ephesians 2:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Analysis

[Verse 2:4 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:4 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

ὁ	δὲ	θεὸς	πλούσιος	ὢν	ἐν	ἐλέει	διὰ	τὴν	πολλὴν
G3588	But	God	rich	who is	in	mercy	for	G3588	great
	G1161	G2316	G4145	G5607	G1722	G1656	G1223		G4183
ἀγάπην	αὐτοῦ	ἣν	ἠγάπησεν	ἡμᾶς					
love	G846	wherewith	he loved	us					
G26		G3739	G25	G2248					

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 1:3 (Grace): 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 1:7 (Grace): In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Psalms 86:15 (Grace): But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Ephesians 2:7 (Grace): That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:8 (Love): But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalms 145:8 (Grace): The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Romans 10:12 (Parallel theme): For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Jeremiah 31:3 (Love): The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

1 Timothy 1:14 (Grace): And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 86:5 (Grace): For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

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