

Ephesians 2:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Analysis

[Verse 2:9 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:9 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

οὐκ	ἐξ	ἔργων	ἵνα	μή	τις	καυχῆσθαι
Not	of	works	G2443	G3361	any man	should boast
G3756	G1537	G2041			G5100	G2744

Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 1:9 (Parallel theme): Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Romans 11:6 (Parallel theme): And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Romans 9:16 (Parallel theme): So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 3:20 (Parallel theme): Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 9:11 (Parallel theme): (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Romans 4:2 (Parallel theme): For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.