

Ephesians 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Analysis

[Verse 3:4 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 3 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 3 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 3:4 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

πρὸς	ὅ	δύνασθε	ἀναγινώσκοντες	νοῆσαι	τὴν				
G4314	Whereby	G3739	ye may	G1410	when ye read	G314	understand	G3588	G3588
σύνεσίν	μου	ἐν	τῷ	μυστηρίῳ	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ			
knowledge	my	in	G3588	the mystery	G3588	of Christ	G3466	G5547	G4907
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Additional Cross-References

Colossians 4:3 (References Christ): Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

1 Corinthians 4:1 (References Christ): Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Corinthians 11:6 (Parallel theme): But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.

1 Timothy 3:16 (Parallel theme): And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Colossians 2:2 (References Christ): That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Ephesians 5:32 (References Christ): This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 1:9 (Parallel theme): Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Ephesians 6:19 (Parallel theme): And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Luke 8:10 (Parallel theme): And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (Parallel theme): And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.