

Ephesians 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Analysis

[Verse 4:11 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 4 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 4 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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:11 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

καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους τοὺς δὲ
And G846 **he gave** G3588 **some** G3303 **apostles** G652 **and** G3588 G1161
G2532 G1325

προφήτας τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας
some prophets G3588 **and** G1161 **some evangelists** G3588 **and** G1161 **some pastors** G4166
G4396 G2099

καὶ διδασκάλους
And G2532 **teachers** G1320

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 3:15 (Parallel theme): And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Ephesians 2:20 (Prophecy): And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

2 Timothy 4:5 (Parallel theme): But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 20:28 (Parallel theme): Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 4:8 (Parallel theme): Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Ephesians 3:5 (Prophecy): Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Romans 12:7 (Parallel theme): Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

2 Chronicles 15:3 (Parallel theme): Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

Hebrews 5:12 (Parallel theme): For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.