

Ephesians 4:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Analysis

[Verse 4:12 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:12 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	τὸν	καταρτισμὸν	τῶν	ἀγίων	εἰς	ἔργον
For	G3588	the perfecting	G3588	of the saints	for	the work
G4314		G2677		G40	G1519	G2041
διακονίας	εἰς	οἰκοδομὴν	τοῦ	σώματος	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ
of the ministry	for	the edifying	G3588	of the body	G3588	of Christ
G1248	G1519	G3619		G4983		G5547

Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 4:16 (Parallel theme): From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (References Christ): Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Romans 15:14 (Parallel theme): And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Romans 14:19 (Parallel theme): Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

1 Corinthians 14:12 (Parallel theme): Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

1 Corinthians 14:26 (Parallel theme): How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Hebrews 6:1 (References Christ): Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 13:17 (Parallel theme): Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Timothy 1:12 (References Christ): And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

2 Corinthians 5:18 (References Christ): And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;