

Ephesians 4:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Analysis

[Verse 4:15 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 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:15 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

ἀληθεύοντες	δὲ	ἐν	ἀγάπῃ	αὐξήσωμεν	εἰς	αὐτὸν	τὰ
speaking the truth	But	in	love	may grow up	into	him	
G226	G1161	G1722	G26	G837	G1519	G846	G3588
πάντα	ὅς	ἐστιν	ἡ	κεφαλή	ὁ	Χριστός	
in all things	which	is		the head	G3588	even Christ	
G3956	G3739	G2076		G2776		G5547	

Additional Cross-References

1 John 3:18 (Love): My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Ephesians 4:25 (Truth): Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Zechariah 8:16 (Truth): These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

2 Peter 3:18 (References Christ): But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 Peter 1:22 (Love): Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Ephesians 2:21 (Parallel theme): In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Ephesians 1:22 (Parallel theme): And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

1 Peter 2:2 (Parallel theme): As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Romans 12:9 (Love): Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

John 1:47 (Parallel theme): Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!