

Ephesians 4:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

[Verse 4:16 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:16 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

ἐξ	οὗ	πάσης	τὸ	σώματος	συναρμολογούμενον		
From	whom	that which every	G3588	body	fitly joined together		
G1537	G3739	G3956		G4983	G4883		
καὶ	συμβιβάζόμενον	διὰ	πάσης	ἀφ᾽ ἧς	τῆς		
and	compacted	by	that which every	joint	G3588		
G2532	G4822	G1223	G3956	G860			
ἐπιχορηγίας	κατ'	ἐνέργειαν	ἐν	μέτρῳ	ἐνὸς		
supplieth	according	to the effectual working	in	the measure	part		
G2024	G2596	G1753	G1722	G3358	G1520		
ἐκάστου	μέρους	τὴν	αὕξησιν	τοῦ	σώματος	ποιεῖται	εἰς
of every	G3313	G3588	increase	G3588	body	maketh	unto
G1538			G838		G4983	G4160	G1519
οἰκοδομὴν	ἐαυτοῦ	ἐν	ἀγάπῃ				
the edifying	of itself	in	love				
G3619	G1438	G1722	G26				

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 2:19 (Parallel theme): And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

John 15:5 (Parallel theme): I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Colossians 2:2 (Love): 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 4:12 (Parallel theme): For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:15 (Love): But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

1 Timothy 1:5 (Love): Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (Parallel theme): For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Philippians 1:9 (Love): And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Ephesians 3:7 (Kingdom): Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Ephesians 3:17 (Love): That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,