

# 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

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**[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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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

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ἐξ οὗ πάσης τὸ σώματος συναρμολογούμενον  
From whom that which every G3588 body fitly joined together  
G1537 G3739 G3956 G4983 G4883

καὶ συμβιβαζόμενον διὰ πάσης ἀφῆς τῆς  
and compacted by that which every joint G3588  
G2532 G4822 G1223 G3956 G860

ἐπιχορηγίας κατ' ἐνέργειαν ἐν μέτρῳ ἐνδὸς  
supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure part  
G2024 G2596 G1753 G1722 G3358 G1520

ἐκάστου μέρους τὴν αὔξησιν τοῦ σώματος ποιεῖται εἰς  
of every G3313 G3588 increase G3588 body maketh unto  
G1538 G838 G4983 G4160 G1519

οἰκοδομὴν ἔαυτοῦ ἐν ἀγάπῃ  
the edifying of itself in love  
G3619 G1438 G1722 G26

## Additional Cross-References

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**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,