

# Ephesians 5:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

## Analysis

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**[Verse 5:17 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 5 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 5 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

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:17 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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διὰ	τοῦτο	μὴ	γίνεσθε	ἄφρονες	ἀλλὰ	συνιέντες	τί
<b>Wherefore</b>	G5124	<b>not</b>	<b>be ye</b>	<b>unwise</b>	<b>but</b>	<b>understanding</b>	<b>what</b>
G1223		G3361	G1096	G878	G235	G4920	G5101
τὸ	θέλημα	τοῦ	κυρίου				
G3588	<b>the will</b>	G3588	<b>of the Lord</b>				
	G2307		G2962				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 12:2** (Parallel theme): And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** (Parallel theme): In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**Colossians 1:9** (Parallel theme): For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

**Ephesians 5:15** (Parallel theme): See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

**Jeremiah 4:22** (Parallel theme): For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

**1 Peter 4:2** (Parallel theme): That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

**Colossians 4:5** (Parallel theme): Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

**John 7:17** (Parallel theme): If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

**Psalms 111:10** (References Lord): The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

**Job 28:28** (References Lord): And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

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