

Ephesians 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Analysis

[Verse 5:18 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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:18 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

καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἄσωτία
And **not** **be** **with wine** **wherein** ^{G3739} **is** **excess**
G2532 G3361 G3182 G3631 G1722 G2076 G810

ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι
but **be filled** **wherein** **the Spirit**
G235 G4137 G1722 G4151

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 20:1 (Parallel theme): Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Romans 13:13 (Parallel theme): Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Luke 1:15 (Spirit): For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Isaiah 5:22 (Parallel theme): Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

1 Corinthians 5:11 (Parallel theme): But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Thessalonians 5:7 (Parallel theme): For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

Acts 11:24 (Spirit): For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Deuteronomy 21:20 (Parallel theme): And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

Luke 11:13 (Spirit): If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

1 Corinthians 6:10 (Parallel theme): Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.