

Ephesians 5:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Analysis

[Verse 5:21 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:21 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

ὑποτασσόμενοι ἀλλήλοις ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ
 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God
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Additional Cross-References

Philippians 2:3 (Parallel theme): Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Ephesians 5:24 (Parallel theme): Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Ephesians 5:22 (Parallel theme): Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

1 Peter 5:5 (References God): Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Hebrews 13:17 (Parallel theme): Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Timothy 3:4 (Parallel theme): One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1 Peter 2:17 (References God): Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Galatians 5:13 (Parallel theme): For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

1 Timothy 2:11 (Parallel theme): Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

1 Corinthians 16:16 (Parallel theme): That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

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