

Ephesians 5:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Analysis

[Verse 5:28 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:28 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

οὕτως	ὀφείλουσιν	οἱ	ἄνδρες	ἀγαπᾷ	τὰς	ἑαυτὸν
So G3779	ought G3784	G3588	men G435	He that loveth G25	G3588	himself G1438
γυναῖκα	ὡς	τὰ	ἑαυτὸν	σώματα	ὁ	ἀγαπᾷ
wife G1135	as G5613	G3588	himself G1438	bodies G4983	G3588	He that loveth G25
τὴν						
ἑαυτὸν	γυναῖκα	ἑαυτὸν	ἀγαπᾷ			
himself G1438	wife G1135	himself G1438	He that loveth G25			

Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 5:25 (Love): Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Matthew 19:5 (Parallel theme): And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

Ephesians 5:33 (Love): Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.