

Ephesians 5:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Analysis

[Verse 5:29 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 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:29 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

οὐδεὶς γὰρ ποτε τὴν ἑαυτοῦ σάρκα ἐμίσησεν ἀλλ'
no man **For** **ever yet** G3588 **his own** **flesh** **hated** **but**
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ἐκτρέφει καὶ θάλπει αὐτὴν καθὼς καὶ ὁ Κύριος τὴν
nourisheth **and** **cherisheth** **it** **even as** **and** G3588 **the Lord** G3588
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ἐκκλησίαν
the church
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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 5:31 (Parallel theme): For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Proverbs 11:17 (Parallel theme): The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

Ecclesiastes 4:5 (Parallel theme): The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

Isaiah 40:11 (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

