

Ephesians 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

Analysis

[Verse 6:5 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 6 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 6 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 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 6:5 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

Οἱ	δοῦλοι	ὑπακούετε	τοῖς	κυρίοις	κατὰ		
G3588	Servants	be obedient	G3588	to them that are your masters	according		
	G1401	G5219		G2962	G2596		
σάρκα	μετὰ	φόβου	καὶ	τρόμου	ἐν	ἀπλότητι	τῆς
to the flesh	with	fear	and	trembling	in	singleness	G3588
G4561	G3326	G5401	G2532	G5156	G1722	G572	
καρδίας	ὑμῶν	ὡς	τῷ	Χριστῷ			
heart	of your	as	G3588	unto Christ			
G2588	G5216	G5613		G5547			

Additional Cross-References

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

Malachi 1:6 (Parallel theme): A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Psalms 123:2 (Parallel theme): Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psalms 86:11 (Parallel theme): Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Ephesians 6:24 (Sin): Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:17 (Parallel theme): I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

Joshua 24:14 (Sin): Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

1 Peter 3:2 (Parallel theme): While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Philippians 2:12 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philemon 1:16 (Parallel theme): Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?