

Hebrews 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Analysis

'He that sanctifieth' (Christ) and 'they who are sanctified' (believers) share one origin ('all of one'). This could refer to common humanity, common Father, or both. The point is Christ's solidarity with His people, making Him unashamed to call them brothers. This familial language emphasizes covenant intimacy and Christ's identification with sinful humanity.

Historical Context

The family metaphor would resonate in the honor-shame culture of the ancient world. For Christ to claim kinship with sinners demonstrates radical grace and breaks down barriers between holy God and unholy humanity.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother or sister?

2. How should Christ's identification with us shape how we identify with other believers?

Interlinear Text

ὅτε	γὰρ	ἀγιαζόμενοι	καὶ	οἱ	ἀγιαζόμενοι	ἐξ	ἐνὸς
G3588	both	For	he that sanctifieth	and	G3588	he that sanctifieth	of
G5037	G1063	G37	G2532	G37	G1537	G1520	
πάντες·	δι'	ἥν	αἰτίαν	οὐκ	ἐπαισχύνεται	ἀδελφοὺς	
are all	for	which	cause	not	ashamed	brethren	
G3956	G1223	G3739	G156	G3756	G1870	G80	
αὐτοὺς	καλεῖν						
them	to call						
G846	G2564						

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 10:10 (Holy): By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 13:12 (Parallel theme): Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Hebrews 10:14 (Holy): For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

John 20:17 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

John 17:19 (Holy): And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Romans 8:29 (Parallel theme): For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

John 17:21 (Parallel theme): That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Matthew 25:40 (Parallel theme): And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Hebrews 2:14 (Parallel theme): Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Acts 17:26 (Parallel theme): And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;