

# Acts 13:48

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

## Analysis

Gentile rejoicing and glorifying 'the word of the Lord' demonstrates recognition that gospel message brings liberation and hope. The phrase 'as many as were ordained to eternal life believed' affirms divine election while describing actual response—God's sovereignty and human responsibility coexist in salvation. Faith follows divine appointment in Luke's narrative.

## Historical Context

The large Gentile response in Pisidian Antioch triggered Jewish jealousy and persecution (Acts 13:50). This pattern of Gentile receptivity contrasted with Jewish resistance shaped Paul's missionary strategy and theological development.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How do divine ordination and human belief relate in the salvation experience?

2. What does Gentile rejoicing teach about the gospel's liberation from legalistic burdens?

## Interlinear Text

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heard this And G3588 when the Gentiles they were glad and glorified  
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ordained to life eternal  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 1:4** (Parallel theme): According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

**Romans 11:7** (Parallel theme): What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

**John 10:16** (Parallel theme): And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

**John 11:52** (Parallel theme): And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

**Acts 2:41** (Word): Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.