

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

Psalms 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

ἀκούοντα	δὲ	τὰ	ἔθνη	ἔχαιρον	καὶ	ἐδόξαζον	
heard this	And	G3588	when the Gentiles	they were glad	and	glorified	
G191	G1161		G1484	G5463	G2532	G1392	
τὸν	λόγον	τοῦ	κυρίου	καὶ	ἐπίστευσαν	ὅσοι	ἦσαν
G3588	the word	G3588	of the Lord	and	believed	as many as	were
	G3056		G2962	G2532	G4100	G3745	G2258
τεταγμένοι	εἰς	ζωὴν	αἰώνιον·				
ordained	to	life	eternal				
G5021	G1519	G2222	G166				

Additional Cross-References

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.