

Acts 13:52

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Analysis

Despite persecution and expulsion, 'the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.' This paradoxical joy amid suffering demonstrates the Spirit's work that transcends circumstances. Their joy wasn't based on comfort or success but on the Spirit's presence and the gospel's truth. This pattern of persecution producing joy echoes Jesus's beatitudes (Matthew 5:11-12).

Historical Context

The disciples' joy despite Paul and Barnabas's expulsion shows the gospel had taken root independently of the messengers. The church would continue through Spirit-empowered believers, not dependency on founding missionaries.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How can you experience joy that's independent of circumstances, rooted in the Spirit's presence?
2. What does this teach about measuring ministry success by fruit that remains rather than immediate results?

Interlinear Text

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G3588	And	the disciples	were filled with	joy	and	Ghost
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Additional Cross-References

Romans 15:13 (Holy): Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 (Holy): And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

Acts 4:31 (Holy): And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 2:4 (Holy): And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Matthew 5:12 (Parallel theme): Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Galatians 5:22 (Spirit): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Romans 14:17 (Holy): For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 5:3 (Parallel theme): And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

2 Corinthians 8:2 (Parallel theme): How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

James 1:2 (Parallel theme): My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

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