

Acts 15:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Analysis

The phrase 'being assembled with one accord' (Greek 'homothymadon' - with one mind/passion) emphasizes the Spirit-led unity achieved through careful deliberation. Their unanimous decision demonstrates that the Spirit guides the church into truth through corporate discernment, not individual interpretation alone.

Historical Context

This unanimity was remarkable given the council's diverse participants - conservative Jewish Christians, apostles with Gentile ministry experience, and Jerusalem elders. The Spirit overcame natural divisions.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit produce unity among diverse believers?
2. What role does corporate discernment play in knowing God's will?

3. How can churches today pursue 'one accord' amid disagreements?

Interlinear Text

ἔδοξεν	ἡμῖν	γενομένοις	ὁμοθυμαδὸν	ἐκλεξαμένους			
It seemed good	unto us	being assembled	with one accord	chosen			
G1380	G2254	G1096	G3661	G1586			
ἄνδρας	πέμψαι	πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	σὺν	τοῖς	ἀγαπητοῖς	ἡμῶν
men	to send	unto	you	with	G3588	beloved	our
G435	G3992	G4314	G5209	G4862		G27	G2257
Βαρναβᾶ	καὶ	Παύλῳ					
Barnabas	and	Paul					
G921	G2532	G3972					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 15:2 (References Paul): When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 1:14 (Parallel theme): These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 15:22 (References Paul): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

2 Peter 3:15 (Love): And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Luke 1:3 (Good): It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

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