

# Acts 15:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

## Analysis

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The Gentiles 'rejoiced for the consolation' (Greek 'paraklēsis' - encouragement, exhortation). This joy stemmed from knowing they were fully accepted without circumcision. The letter's affirmation liberated them from legalistic burdens and confirmed salvation by grace alone. True doctrine produces joy.

## Historical Context

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This joy contrasted sharply with the confusion and distress caused by the Judaizers. The council's clear decision ended months of uncertainty and conflict in Antioch's church.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does sound doctrine produce genuine joy in believers?
2. What burdens are lifted when we truly grasp salvation by grace?
3. How should the church respond when truth is clarified and error refuted?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀναγνόντες	δὲ	ἐχάρησαν	ἐπὶ	τῇ	παρακλήσει
<b>they had read</b>	<b>Which when</b>	<b>they rejoiced</b>	<b>for</b>	<sup>G3588</sup>	<b>the consolation</b>
G314	G1161	G5463	G1909		G3874

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