

# Acts 16:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

## Analysis

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'He brought them into his house, and set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.' The jailor's immediate hospitality shows faith's fruit - he washed their wounds and fed them. His rejoicing 'with all his house' indicates family-wide conversion and celebration. True faith produces both compassion and joy.

## Historical Context

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The jailor's transformation from harsh captor to gracious host demonstrates radical conversion. His household baptism and shared meal parallel early church practice of immediate incorporation into Christian community.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does genuine conversion produce immediate practical love?
2. What does joy in God look like?
3. How should new believers be incorporated into Christian community?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀναγαγών      τε      αὐτοῦ,      εἰς      τὸν      οἶκον      αὐτοῦ,  
**when he had brought**      **And**      **his**      **into**      <sup>G3588</sup>      **house**      **his**  
G321      G5037      G846      G1519      G3624      G846

παρέθηκεν      τράπεζαν      καὶ      ἡγαλλιάσατο      πανοικί  
**before them**      **meat**      **and**      **rejoiced**      **house**  
G3908      G5132      G2532      G21      G3832

πεπιστευκῶς      τῷ      θεῷ  
**believing**      <sup>G3588</sup>      **in God**  
G4100      G2316

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 15:13** (Faith): 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.

**Acts 2:46** (Parallel theme): And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,