

Acts 18:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

Analysis

'When he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him.' Church letters of commendation facilitated itinerant ministry. 'He helped them much which had believed through grace' - Apollos's ministry complemented Paul's foundation-laying.

Historical Context

Letters of recommendation (see 2 Corinthians 3:1, Romans 16:1) connected scattered churches and vouched for traveling workers. Apollos's Corinthian ministry later created some factionalism (1 Corinthians 1:12).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do letters of commendation facilitate ministry across church networks?

2. What does 'helped them much' teach about building on others' foundations?

Interlinear Text

βουλομένου δὲ αὐτόν διελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Αχαΐαν
was disposed And him to pass into G3588 Achaia
G1014 G1161 G846 G1330 G1519 G882

προτρεψάμενοι οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἔγραψαν τοῖς μαθηταῖς
exhorting G3588 the brethren wrote G3588 the disciples
G4389 G80 G1125 G3101

ἀποδέξασθαι αὐτόν ὃς παραγενόμενος συνεβάλετο πολὺ^ν
to receive him who when he was come helped them much
G588 G846 G3739 G3854 G4820 G4183

τοῖς πεπιστευκόσιν διὰ τῆς χάριτος·
G3588 which had believed through G3588 grace
G4100 G1223 G5485

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