

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	Ἀχαΐαν
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	
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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