

Acts 18:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Analysis

Silas and Timothy's arrival from Macedonia allowed Paul to be 'pressed in the spirit' and 'testify to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.' Their arrival likely included financial support (2 Corinthians 11:9, Philippians 4:15) freeing Paul for full-time ministry.

Historical Context

The Macedonian churches' support enabled Paul's transition from bivocational to full-time ministry. This partnership model influenced Paul's teaching on missionary support.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does partnership support enable more intensive ministry?
2. What does 'pressed in spirit' suggest about Spirit-led urgency?

Interlinear Text

Ὡς	δὲ	κατήλθον	ἀπὸ	τῆς	Μακεδονίας	ὃ	τε	Σιλᾶς
when	And	were come	from	G3588	Macedonia	G3588	G5037	Silas
G5613	G1161	G2718	G575		G3109			G4609
καὶ	ὁ	Τιμόθεος	συνείχετο	τῷ	πνεύματι	ὁ	Παῦλος	
and	G3588	Timotheus	was pressed	G3588	in the spirit	G3588	Paul	
G2532		G5095	G4912		G4151		G3972	
διαμαρτυρόμενος	τοῖς	Ἰουδαίοις	τὸν	Χριστόν	Ἰησοῦν			
and testified	G3588	to the Jews	G3588	was Christ	that Jesus			
G1263		G2453		G5547	G2424			

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 5:14 (References Christ): For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

Acts 20:21 (References Jesus): Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 17:3 (References Jesus): Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 18:28 (References Jesus): For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

Acts 9:22 (References Christ): But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Jeremiah 6:11 (Parallel theme): Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the

assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

Jeremiah 20:9 (Parallel theme): Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Ezekiel 3:14 (Spirit): So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

Acts 2:36 (References Jesus): Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Philippians 1:23 (References Christ): For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: