

Acts 18:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Analysis

'Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house.' This synagogue leader's conversion was a major breakthrough. Household conversion patterns show the social dimension of early Christianity. 'Many of the Corinthians hearing believed' indicates broader response.

Historical Context

Crispus's conversion (1 Corinthians 1:14 confirms Paul baptized him) demonstrated that even religious leaders could respond to the gospel. His defection must have deeply affected the synagogue.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does the conversion of a synagogue leader teach about God's sovereignty?
2. How do household conversions reflect the social nature of early Christianity?

Interlinear Text

Κρίσπος	δὲ	ὁ	ἀρχισυνάγωγος			ἐπίστευον	τῷ	
Crispus	And	G3588	the chief ruler of the synagogue			believed	G3588	
G2921	G1161		G752			G4100		
κυρίῳ	σὺν	ὅλῳ	τῷ	οἴκῳ	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	πολλοὶ	τῶν
on the Lord	with	all	G3588	house	G846	and	many	G3588
G2962	G4862	G3650		G3624		G2532	G4183	
Κορινθίων	ἀκούοντες	ἐπίστευον	καὶ	ἐβαπτίζοντο				
of the Corinthians	hearing	believed	and	were baptized				
G2881	G191	G4100	G2532	G907				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 11:14 (Parallel theme): Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Acts 8:12 (Faith): But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.