

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

Psalm 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
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κυρίῳ σὺν ὅλῳ τῷ οἶκῳ 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.