

Acts 2:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Analysis

The phrase 'all that believed were together, and had all things common' describes voluntary community sharing motivated by Spirit-produced love, not mandated communism. The Greek 'eichon hapanta koina' (had all things common) indicates willing redistribution meeting needs. This fulfilled Jesus' prayer for unity (John 17:21) and provided tangible witness to supernatural transformation - greed replaced by generosity.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's Christian community faced unique pressures: diaspora converts remaining in the city required support, and Jewish persecution often cost believers their livelihoods. This voluntary sharing addressed immediate crisis while modeling kingdom economics that subvert worldly selfishness.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Spirit-produced generosity differ from politically mandated redistribution?
2. What does the early church's voluntary sharing teach about authentic Christian community?

Interlinear Text

πάντες	δὲ	οἱ	πιστεύοντες	ἦσαν	ἐπὶ	τὸ	αὐτὸ	καὶ
all	And	G3588	that believed	were	together	G3588	G846	and
G3956	G1161		G4100	G2258	G1909			G2532
εἶχον	ἅπαντα	κοινά						
had	all things	common						
G2192	G537	G2839						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 4:32 (Faith): And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.