

# Acts 2:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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πάντες	δὲ	οἱ	πιστεύοντες	ἵσταν	ἐπὶ	τὸ	αὐτὸ	καὶ
<b>all</b>	<b>And</b>	G3588	<b>that believed</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>together</b>	G3588	G846	<b>and</b>
G3956	G1161		G4100	G2258	G1909			G2532
εἶχον	ἀπαντα	κοινά						
<b>had</b>	<b>all things</b>	<b>common</b>						
G2192	G537	G2839						

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

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