

Acts 20:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'When he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece.' The 'much exhortation' indicates intensive teaching during this revisitation. Three months in Greece allowed extended ministry in Corinth.

Historical Context

This Macedonian and Greek journey (AD 56-57) included writing Romans (from Corinth) and dealing with Corinthian church issues addressed in the epistles.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Why did Paul emphasize 'much exhortation' in revisiting churches?
2. What does extended stay in established churches accomplish?

Interlinear Text

διελθὼν	δὲ	τὰ	μέρη	ἐκεῖνα	καὶ	παρακαλέσας
when he had gone over	And	G3588	parts	those	and	exhortation
G1330	G1161		G3313	G1565	G2532	G3870
αὐτοὺς	λόγω	πολλῷ	ἥλθεν	εἰς	τὴν	Ἐλλάδα
them	G3056	had given	he came	into	G3588	Greece
G846		G4183	G2064	G1519		G1671

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 1:28 (Parallel theme): Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

1 Thessalonians 2:3 (Parallel theme): For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

1 Thessalonians 4:1 (Parallel theme): Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Acts 20:11 (Parallel theme): When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (Parallel theme): As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,