

# Acts 20:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

## Analysis

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'They all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him.' Deep emotional expression marked this farewell. Mediterranean culture allowed public emotional display. The combination of weeping, embracing, and kissing expressed profound love.

## Historical Context

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These expressions of affection show the bonds formed through three years of ministry. The emotional intensity reflects genuine relationships, not mere professional connections.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What do these emotional expressions reveal about Paul's pastoral relationships?
2. How should depth of relationship mark Christian community?

## Interlinear Text

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ἰκανὸς δὲ ἐγένετο κλαυθμὸς πάντων καὶ ἐπιπεσόντες

**sore**

G2425

**And**

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G1096

**wept**

G2805

**they all**

G3956

**and**

G2532

**fell**

G1968

ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον τοῦ Παύλου κατεφίλουν αὐτόν

**on**

G1909

**neck**

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G3588

**Paul's**

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**and kissed**

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**him**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 21:4** (Parallel theme): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Luke 15:20** (Parallel theme): And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

**2 Timothy 1:4** (Parallel theme): Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

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