

# Acts 21:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

## Analysis

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The 'brethren' in Jerusalem received Paul 'gladly,' showing the church's unity despite ongoing tensions between Jewish and Gentile believers. This reception would prove crucial as Paul faced accusations from zealous Jewish Christians. The Greek 'asmenōs' (gladly) suggests enthusiastic welcome, demonstrating love that transcended theological disagreements about the law.

## Historical Context

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This arrival occurred around AD 57, roughly 25 years after the Jerusalem church's founding. James now led the Jerusalem church, Peter having departed after his miraculous prison escape (Acts 12:17).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How can you maintain warm fellowship with believers who differ on secondary theological issues?
2. What does this passage teach about pursuing unity while holding different perspectives on cultural practices?

## Interlinear Text

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Γενομένων δὲ ἡμῶν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἀσμένως ἐδέξαντο  
were come And when we to Jerusalem gladly received  
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ἡμᾶς οἱ ἀδελφοί  
us G3588 the brethren  
G2248 G80

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:4** (References Jerusalem): And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.