

Acts 21:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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

Γενομένων	δὲ	ἡμῶν	εἰς	Ἱεροσόλυμα	ἀσμένως	ἐδέξαντο
were come	And	when we	to	Jerusalem	gladly	received
G1096	G1161	G2257	G1519	G2414	G780	G1209
ἡμᾶς	οἱ	ἀδελφοί				
us	G3588	the brethren				
G2248		G80				

Additional Cross-References

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.