

Acts 5:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Analysis

The summary - 'believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women' - shows that judgment purified rather than paralyzed the church. The Greek 'mallon' (the more) indicates accelerated growth, not decline. The passive 'were added to the Lord' emphasizes divine action - God builds His church. Including 'both men and women' highlights gospel's egalitarian nature in patriarchal society. Quality (holiness) and quantity (growth) coexisted - true revival produces both purity and proliferation.

Historical Context

Women's explicit inclusion was radical in first-century Judaism where women couldn't be counted in synagogue quorums. Early Christianity's welcome of women as full members attracted criticism but demonstrated kingdom values. The multitudes' addition despite (or because of) judgment severity validated supernatural origin.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does church discipline promote rather than hinder gospel growth?
2. What does specific mention of women believers teach about the gospel's transformation of social structures?

Interlinear Text

μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ
the more And added believers to the Lord
G3123 G1161 G4369 G4100 G3588 G2962

πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν
multitudes of men both and women
G4128 G435 G5037 G2532 G1135

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:47 (References Lord): Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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