

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	G3588	to the Lord
G3123	G1161	G4369	G4100		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.