

Luke 22:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

Analysis

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations (πειρασμοῖς, peirasmois)—Jesus's temptations encompassed far more than the wilderness testing; His entire earthly ministry involved satanic opposition, religious persecution, and the Father's will requiring suffering. The disciples, despite their failures, had **continued** (διαμένω, diamenō—to remain through, persevere) with Jesus through mounting hostility.

This commendation is remarkable given the context: Judas's imminent betrayal, their dispute about greatness, Peter's coming denial. Yet Jesus acknowledges their costly faithfulness in following Him despite social rejection and danger. Their perseverance, though imperfect, distinguished them from crowds who abandoned Jesus (John 6:66) and religious leaders who opposed Him. Grace recognizes genuine faith even when it falters.

Historical Context

Following Jesus meant social ostracism, family conflict (Luke 12:51-53), and potential death. The disciples left occupations, homes, and security to follow an itinerant rabbi increasingly hated by authorities. By Passover week, Jerusalem's religious establishment was actively plotting to kill Jesus, making association with Him extremely dangerous. The Twelve's continued presence demonstrated real, though imperfect, commitment.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What temptations and trials has Christ walked you through, and how does perseverance through difficulty demonstrate genuine faith?
2. How does Jesus's recognition of the disciples' faithfulness despite their flaws encourage you when you feel you've failed Him?
3. What would it cost you to continue with Jesus if cultural opposition to Christianity intensified significantly?

Interlinear Text

ὁμεῖς	δέ	ἐστε	οἱ	διαμεμενηκότες	μετ'	ἐμοῦ	ἐν
Ye	G1161	are	G3588	they which have continued	with	me	in
G5210		G2075		G1265	G3326	G1700	G1722
τοῖς	πειρασμοῖς	μου·					
G3588	temptations	my					
	G3986	G3450					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 4:15 (Parallel theme): For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 2:18 (Parallel theme): For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Acts 1:25 (Parallel theme): That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

Matthew 24:13 (Parallel theme): But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

John 8:31 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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