

## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 28

### A WATERSHED MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Men Who Risk Everything When Everything is at Risk**

(Acts 15:1-35)

#### INTRODUCTION:

Review

#### THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONCLUDED (Chapter 14:26, 27)

"From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. <sup>27</sup> When they had arrived and gathered the church together, **they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.**

Today

#### THE COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM (Chapter 15)

##### 1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE COUNCIL: (15:1-5)

"...when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should **go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue...**" (v. 2)

##### • What was at Stake?

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, **'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'**" (v.1) ...But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, **'It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.'**" (v. 5)

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, **describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.**" (v. 3)

##### 2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE COUNCIL: (15:6-21)

"The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. **After there had been much debate,...**

—over—

1B. Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 6-11)

"...**Peter** stood up and said to them,..."

- Salvation is by \_\_\_\_\_ alone through \_\_\_\_\_ alone in \_\_\_\_\_ alone without \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. Barnabas and Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 12)

"All the people kept silent, and they were listening to **Barnabas and Paul** as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles."

3B. James' \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 13-21)

"After they had stopped speaking, **James** answered, saying, 'Brethren, listen to me.'

- The testimony of Peter is confirmed by the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_.

"Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. **With this the words of the Prophets agree,...**"

- The Gospel of Grace must be \_\_\_\_\_ against all \_\_\_\_\_, and it must \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_.

"**Therefore it is my judgment** that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,..." (v. 20-21)

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE COUNCIL: (15:22-35)

"Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, **and they sent this letter by them...**"

1B. The Gracious \_\_\_\_\_ that was sent with the Decision.

2B. The Gracious \_\_\_\_\_ that were sent with the Decision.

TAKEWAYS:

THREE VITAL PRINCIPLES:

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ there must be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_ there must be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_ there must be \_\_\_\_\_.

TWO VITAL GRACES:

1. The Grace of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Grace of \_\_\_\_\_.