

Sermon Notes

Unity is Achieved in the Church through Right Doctrine and Sacrificial Behavior

Acts 15:1-31

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

15:1-5 **Some disturbed the church by teaching that the Law of Moses must be kept in order to be saved.**

The doctrinal issue was taken to the apostles and elders.

15:6-11 **The apostle Peter testified of Gentiles coming to faith in Christ and that it was clear God had accepted them.**

The Gentile-Christians have clearly received the Holy Spirit.

Peter also made the point that even Jews couldn't keep the OT Law, so they equally needed to be saved by grace.

(ref.: Ephesians 2:4-9)

15:12 **B&P testified of God's work among the Gentiles, further showing God was in favor of them turning to Christ.**

15:13-21 **James said the Prophets foretold of the Gentiles being included in God's people. And he gave judgment about how to resolve the issues between Jewish and Gentile Christians.**

Based on the evidence/testimony given, Gentiles had already become part of God's people (saved), without obeying the Law.

So, to convert to Christ and be saved, Gentiles don't have to keep the OT Law, including being circumcised. (Neither do Jews)

Behavior issues, mostly about making fellowship comfortable

15:22-31 **James' judgment was supported by the apostles and elders, in agreement with the Holy Spirit, and joyfully accepted by the Gentile-Christians who heard it.**

Gentile-Christians were asked to do things for the sake of having peaceful fellowship with Jewish-Christians.

Lead by the Spirit, it wouldn't be legalism.

What is your response?

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