

# Acts 15:1-12

## The True Gospel - Faith in Jesus Not Religion

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Acts 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. 25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch [of Syria], where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. 27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, **and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.** 28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

Acts 15:1 And certain men came down from Judea [Jerusalem area] and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, **you cannot be saved.**" 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension [*meaning a big dissension*] and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. 4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that **God** had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees **who believed** rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised [*for the belief that you have to in order to be saved*], Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have **become estranged from Christ**, you who attempt to be justified by law; **you have fallen from grace.** 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of **righteousness by faith.** 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but faith working through love.**

Acts 15:6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had **been much dispute**, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago [*about ten years*] God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, **who knows the heart**, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, **purifying their hearts by faith.**

Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not **by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 15:10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the [*gentile*] disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that **through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved** in the same manner as they."

Matt 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock [*Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God*] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 **And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [*example - circumcision*] on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Acts 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the [*uncircumcised*] Gentiles.

Jer 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

### **Communion Verses**

John 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work which You have given Me** to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.