

Acts 15

Is Jesus Enough?

v. 1-21 The Issue and Subsequent Debate

v. 22-35 Letter sent and Received by church in Antioch

v. 36-41 Second missionary journey conceived and Paul and Barnabas break up.

Summary of Acts thus far

→ Birth of the church through the giving of the Holy Spirit.

→ Preaching of the gospel and the call to repentance

→ Thousands being saved.

↳ Jews → Hellenist → Samaritans
Ethiopian Eunuch → Gentiles

→ Acts 11 — the first questioning of the work of Grace

→ Prompted by Acts 10:43-44

1st

→ Missionary Journey which involve Jews first but ultimately Gentiles being the most fertile soil to the Gospel

Brings us to a pivotal event in
15 where the very foundation
of the Gospel → the most vital
truth was under attack.

↳ Some 15ish years
removed from the
Birth of the church

→ But only a handful
of years since Cornelius
Acts 10

John 19:30

John 19:30 (NKJV)

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"

And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

↳ Pard in full

Gods wrath, our due punishment for
rebellion, was satisfied by the sacrificial
Death of Jesus. He took away the
sins of the world. And gave us a
way to have union once again. Ver!

• John 3:16

John 3:16 (NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life.

• Acts 2:36-39

Acts 2:36-39 (NKJV) 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**" 37 Now when they heard [this,] they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "**Men [and] brethren, what shall we do?**" 38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" 39 "**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**"

• Romans 10:8-13

Romans 10:8-13 (NKJV) 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the **word of faith which we preach**): 9 that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** 10 For with the **heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** 11 For the Scripture says, "**Whoever believes on Him** will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "**whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.**"

Eph 2:1-10 **Turn to**

U.1

A Devastating, Deplorable Heresy.

A Look at the church in Antioch

Acts 13:1-4, 26-28

→ These Jews were telling a bunch of spirit-filled, fruit-producing mission-minded, church-planting, believers they weren't saved.

→ The work of the cross was not sufficient - more was needed.

↳ Namely, circumcision keeping the law of Moses.

U.2

Paul and Barnabas say
"not today Satan"

Do something

Dissension → a standing up
insurrection

Dispute → mutual questioning

This can be so healthy when
its done in a mature and Biblical
fashion.

"Conflict is inevitable.
Healthy conflict is
invaluable." Josh
Hershenberger

Dealing w/ offence
Matt 18 ●

Luke 17:3 ●

Luke 17:3-4 (NKJV) 3 "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Dealing w/ Disagreements ● ↓

Eph 4:1-3 - Walk worthy, Be humble, Be Diligent ^{quick} to keep unity of the Spirit

John 10:13 - Rely on Spirit in accordance to the word.

Prov. 18:17 - Patient w/hold judgement till you have the whole story

Prov 11:14 - Counsel

Why go back to Jerusalem

↳ correct bad teaching at the source

↳ you must deal with things at the source

↳ This is about the long term health of future missionary work.

→ All forward progress was halted so that theological clarity could be gained concerning the gospel.

Bad teaching rots at the core.

● 1 Tim 1:10

● 2 Tim 4:3

Healthy Teaching

2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, [because] they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

Titus 1:9

Titus 1:9 (NKJV) holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

Bad teaching

2 Tim 2:17

2 Timothy 2:15-18 (NKJV) 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane [and] idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

Logos eats like gangrene

v.3

The continued testimony

v.4-5

Paul, Barnabas and the men from Judea meet the body of Christ in Jerusalem → including the Apostles, Elders

We will deal more specifically with their bad teaching next week.

Close

Gal 5:1-6

No screen

Communion

Pray for Danny, Julia, Sean
↳ prayer list

Joel Tay - 7pm - childcare

women's Mini retreat - Aug 18-19
details coming

Pt 2 Acts 15:7-21