

## Faith Alone in Christ Alone Acts 15

Review: The *First Missionary Journey* was completed and the missionaries commended!

### A. Sharp Dispute 15:1-3 (pg. 1,019)

John 1:12

We should strongly dispute anything that impedes the Gospel.

### B. The Council at Jerusalem 15:4-11

Pharisees were known for their legalism.

Trinity:-God declares a person righteous. 15:7  
-Jesus justifies. 15:11  
-The Holy Spirit confirms. 15:8

Keeping the Law never saved anyone.

Romans 8:3

The Holy Spirit was making it absolutely clear that people are saved by *faith alone in Christ alone*.

### C. Confirmation of God's Amazing Grace

15:13-18

1. Apostolic Testimony.

2. Prophecy: Amos 9:11-12 (~760 B.C.)

God's amazing grace is salvation by *faith alone in Christ alone*.

### D. Behavioral Restraint for the Sake of Unity 15:19-21

The Apostles were concerned that the Jews not trouble the Gentiles with legalism; and that the Gentiles not trouble the Jews with their liberty.

1. Things polluted by idols. 1 Corinthians 8:4-9

2. Sexual immorality. 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

3. Blood and meat not drained of blood. Leviticus 17:11-12  
The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin... -1John 1:7

They were divided culturally, geographically and especially by heart-felt religious convictions. They were mature believers who chose to show grace.

*No one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.* Romans 3:20-21