

Acts 15:1-35

LW – 1st Journey – Iconium (Word/Grace), Lystra(stoning), Derbe

V1-5

1. Came down from Judea – To Antioch
2. V1 – Jesus PLUS ...equals salvation (from sins)
3. Paul/Barnabas/Others go to Jerusalem – Travel
4. Tell all God has done (with them)!!!
5. Find out who those “certain men” were – Pharisees

V6-11

1. Apostles/Elders – come together – consider – much dispute
 2. Peter gets up Speaks – Reminds them of Acts 10-11 (Cornelius)
- * Acts 11:1-3 – But Peter explained – Finished in V17-18

Application

1. Keep One Law – Must keep Whole Law!

Gal 5:1-6 – Paul writing on liberty/grace vs. law

James 2:10 ¹⁰For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

V12

1. Paul & Barnabas – Declaring how many miracles/wonders God did
- * Generally – Legalistic people pick/pet law & are drag to be around!
* Generally – People who walk in Grace are more Edifying & Joy full!
* **Acts 15:3 & 4**

V13-21

1. Now James speaks – Listen to me...
 2. Supports Simon (not Peter) position with Scripture – Amos 9:11-12
- * Romans 15:7-12 – Four Gentile Salvation scriptures
3. James makes the final determination.

Application

1. V13/19 - Pretty clear - Peter is not the one in charge over/church
2. Taking people to Word will often clear things up!

V22

1. Peter in 10:23 on way to Cornelius’ – Later used 11:12/Witnesses!
2. Pleased them to be Peacemakers!

Matthew 5:9 ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Hebrews 12:14-15 ¹⁴Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

V23-29

1. Sent a letter to clear things up!

Application V1-29

* Great Model for Conflict Resolution (Joe

1. V2 - Conflict – no small dissension
2. V2 - Determined settle issue with those who had power to change it
3. V6 - Got the involved parties together in one place
4. V7 - Got heated – much dispute!
5. People Allowed to speak V7/Peter, V12 Paul/Barnabas – Listened!
6. V7 – One person in charge
7. V16-17 = Final Determination based on the Word of God!
8. V22-29 – Came out with Unity (Everyone waling in Spirit)

V30-31 – Result of Council? Rejoiced over Encouragement!

V32 – Judas/Silas/Prophets – Exhorted/Strengthened

1 Corinthians 14:3 ³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

V33-35

1. V34 – Seemed good to Silas to remain there – Paul got to know Application - Best way gain Christian fellowship/friendship/– serve together!

Conclusion

1. Chapter Began in Conflict – Ends in Rejoicing, Encouragement, Exhortation, Friendship, Fellowship ... Why???
2. V35 – Center Church was Teaching/Preaching Word of the Lord!