

Paul – Conflict Over Circumcision (Part 2) – Acts 15:22-35

1. Background: Converted Pharisees were teaching that the non-Jewish converts had to keep parts of the _____ of _____ in order to be saved. (v. 1, 5)
 - a. Paul met with the _____ and _____ in Jerusalem to discuss the problem. (v. 2, 6)
2. After much consideration and discussion, it was determined to _____ the non-Jewish Christians instructing them to abstain from sinful things. (v. 19-20)
3. It pleased the _____, _____, and the whole _____ to send Paul back to Antioch with this letter of encouragement. (v. 22)
4. The apostles gave no C _____ D _____ T that one must be circumcised. (v. 24)
 - a. Keeping God's _____ are what matters. (1 Corinthians 7:19)
5. In verse 25, what does "assembled with one accord" mean? They were of _____ mind.
 - a. See Romans 12:16; 15:5-6; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 1:27; 1 Peter 3:8-9
6. Paul and Barnabas had _____ their _____ for the name of Jesus Christ. (v. 26)
 - a. Read and discuss the listing of Paul's suffering in 2 Corinthians 11:22-29.
7. Judas and Silas were to report the same things by _____ of _____. (v. 27)
 - a. How can anyone hear the gospel without a _____. (Romans 10:14)
8. Verse 28 indicates that these instructions were guided by the _____.
 - a. The scriptures will lay no greater _____ on us than necessary.
 - b. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles in all _____. (John 16:13)
9. List and discuss the 3 rules given in this letter:
 - (1) Abstain from things offered to _____. (1 Corinthians 8:1-8)
 - (2) Abstain from _____. (Leviticus 17:14)
 - (3) Abstain from _____ _____. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
10. How was the letter received by the church at Antioch? (v. 31) They _____.
 - a. Discussion: In what way are we like the church at Antioch?
11. Judas and Silas also _____ and strengthened the church with many words. (v. 32)