

BELIEVERS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
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Lesson No.15

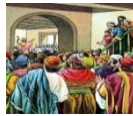
The Book of Acts
Conflict over Circumcision
Acts 15:1-35

- The Conflict
- The Conference
- The Conclusion



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Key Verse: Acts 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.



Sunday Service



10 Commandments



Teaching Ministry



Right Hand of Fellowship

Introduction: During his first missionary journey, Paul saw that God "*opened a door*" of faith to the Gentiles. **Acts 14:27** after a "*long time*" (2 yrs. 48-49 A.D.) in Antioch of Syria, Paul and the church were faced with a crisis regarding the issue of the Gentiles:



Read Galatians Lesson No.4 to see how it relates to the issues: [click here](#)

- Should the Gentiles be accepted without first converting to Judaism?
 - Should they be required to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses?
1. The Conflict: vv.1-3 Men came from Judea (Judaizers) teaching that Gentiles could not be saved without circumcision. Paul and Barnabas disagreed. **Romans 3:24**
 - This conflict might have involved Peter. **Galatians 2:11-16**
 - Since the men causing disturbance came from Judea it was necessary that Paul, Barnabas, Titus and others travel to Jerusalem to locate the origin of this problem.
 2. The Conference: The Jerusalem Council conducted a "*private meeting*" with Paul and his party. The meeting involved discussion about the three aspects of the Law of Moses: Ceremonial Law; Judicial Law and Moral Law.
 - Paul explained the gospel which he preached **Galatians 2:1-2**
 - Paul refused to circumcise Titus. **Galatians 2:3-6**
 3. The Conclusion: The Jerusalem Council commended Paul for his work among the Gentiles. Peter, James and John "*the pillars*" extended the Right Hand of Fellowship.
 - The speech of Peter **Acts 15:6-11**. This is the last time Peter is mentioned in Acts.