

Book of Acts Chapter 15

44_ACT_15_01 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, [and said], Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

44_ACT_15_02 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

44_ACT_15_03 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

44_ACT_15_04 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and [of] the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

44_ACT_15_05 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command [them] to keep the law of Moses.

44_ACT_15_06 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

44_ACT_15_07 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men [and] brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

44_ACT_15_08 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as [he did] unto us;

44_ACT_15_09 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

44_ACT_15_10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

44_ACT_15_11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

44_ACT_15_12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

44_ACT_15_13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men [and] brethren, hearken unto me:

44_ACT_15_14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

44_ACT_15_15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

44_ACT_15_16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

44_ACT_15_17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

44_ACT_15_18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

44_ACT_15_19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

44_ACT_15_20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and [from] fornication, and [from] things strangled, and [from] blood.

44_ACT_15_21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

44_ACT_15_22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; [namely], Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

44_ACT_15_23 And they wrote [letters] by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren [send] greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

44_ACT_15_24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, [Ye must] be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no [such] commandment:

44_ACT_15_25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

44_ACT_15_26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

44_ACT_15_27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell [you] the same things by mouth.

44_ACT_15_28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

44_ACT_15_29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

44_ACT_15_30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

44_ACT_15_31 [Which] when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

44_ACT_15_32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed [them].

44_ACT_15_33 And after they had tarried [there] a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

44_ACT_15_34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

44_ACT_15_35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

44_ACT_15_36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, [and see] how they do.

44_ACT_15_37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

44_ACT_15_38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

44_ACT_15_39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

44_ACT_15_40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

44_ACT_15_41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.