

Doctrinal Purity
Acts 15
(Study of Acts #11)
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- 1) Avoid Doctrinal Disaster – the occasion
 - a) There was **dissent** – verses 1-5
 - b) There was **discussion** – verses 6-12 (Galatians 1&2)
 - c) There was a **decision** – verses 13-20
- 2) Announce doctrinal directives - The decision
 - a) Right doctrine is the **foundation** for right faith.
 - i) We can discuss points of view on **prophecy**
 - ii) We can entertain differing preferences on **methodology**
 - iii) We can kindly disagree on style of **ministry**
 - iv) But we must agree on **Salvation**.
 - b) Right doctrine is **fundamental** for right fellowship.
 - i) Sadly we divide over personalities
 - ii) Sadly we divide over power
 - iii) Sadly we divide over preferences
 - iv) Surely we must be decided on **Salvation**
 - c) Right doctrine is the format for real **fruitfulness**.
 - i) Doctrinal purity gives **encouragement** - Acts 15:30-31
 - ii) Doctrinal purity adds **strength** Acts 15:5
 - iii) Doctrinal purity promotes **progress** – Acts 16:5

Okay, is this really important?

- Some people believe in salvation by **sincerity**
- Some people believe in salvation by **service**
- Some people believe in salvation by **subtraction**
- Some people believe in salvation by **submersion**
- Some people believe in salvation by **heritage**
- Some people believe in salvation by **comparison**
- Saved people believe... **in Jesus and by God's grace** they are saved.

Verse 11 - But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

Remember this:

“Sinners are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus **Plus nothing, minus nothing, substituting nothing.**”

