

## Transformation Card

*This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.*

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### **Sermon Audio**

Full Msg. Title: **The Church Faces the Issue of Circumcision**

Short Ver. Title: **The Church Faces an Issue**

Series Title\*: Acts

Text: Acts 15:7-12

Key Words: Circumcision, Law of Moses, Peter, God, Yoke, Saved, Grace

### **Message Outline**

#### **The Church Faces the Issue of Circumcision, Part 2**

- I. **Peter's** Contribution Towards Resolution
- II. Barnabas & **Paul's** Contribution Towards Resolution
- III. **Our** Consideration of Their Explanations

### **God's Word for Devotions**

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| 1. Acts 15:1-16:5 esp. 15:1-7a | 5. Romans 2     |
| 2. Genesis 17                  | 6. Colossians 2 |
| 3. Deut 30 esp. v. 6           | 7. Mt 11:25ff   |
| 4. Galatians                   |                 |

### **Talk About It with Your Friends and Family**

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| 1. What difference does God's choice (7) of Peter make towards resolving the issue of the need for Gentile circumcision and observance of the Law of Moses? | 5. What is relevant about God not making a distinction between circumcised Jews and uncircumcised Gentiles?   |
| 2. How does the fact that God knows the heart (8) bear on the need or lack of need for Gentile circumcision...?   | 6. In light of the issue at hand, how might you label God's saving work (7-9) among the Gentiles? Would it be accurate to call it His circumcision of their hearts? |
| 3. What does it mean that God "testified to them" (8) [the uncircumcised Gentile believers]?  | 7. In what way are Peter's words in v.11 a fitting summary for his argument?  |
| 4. How did God testify to them (8)?   | 8. How did Barnabas and Paul's words contribute towards resolution of the issue of the need for Gentile circumcision...?  |

### **Memory and Meditation Verse**

"But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way that they also are." Acts 15:11 (NASB)

### **Community Life**

1. 01-29-2012 **Potluck Fellowship** immediately following worship service

**Next Week:** Focus on Acts 15:13-35 in the context of 15:1-35.

How did James' words contribute to the resolution of the issue regarding the necessity of Gentile circumcision and observance of the Law of Moses for salvation?