

SAVED BY GRACE Acts 15:1-35

The Antioch Chronicle - "THE DOOR OF FAITH OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE – MISSIONARIES RETURN WITH GLOWING STORIES OF THE WORK OF GOD AMONG GENTILES!"

What to do when Satan attacks the truth:

1. Churches sometimes face a doctrinal **crisis** (v.1-5).
 - a. Sowing **doubt**: doubt was sown concerning the sufficiency of the gospel (v.1).
 - b. Causing **dissent**: disputes resulted among the leaders (v.2).
 - c. Sending a **delegation**: a delegation was sent to the apostles and elders (v.3-4).
 - d. Demanding **uniformity**: a call for religious, racial, and cultural uniformity (v.5).
2. Churches cannot afford to **compromise** on doctrinal essentials (v.6-11).
 - a. God used an apostle's **testimony**! Peter, the leading apostle, stood up (v.7).

- b. God used the **missionaries' report!** Barnabas and Paul related the signs and wonders (v.12).
 - c. God used the **authority** of an elder (v.13-18).
3. Churches must be open to **change** on issues of fellowship (v.19-29).
 - a. Jews – Don't add **undue burdens** (troubling customs).
 - b. Gentiles – Don't run wild with your **liberty**.
 4. The church's **communication** (v.22-29).
 - a. They sent a **delegation** of their own.
 - b. They sent a **letter** to all the Gentile churches.
 5. Churches that strive for doctrinal **clarity** will enjoy unified fellowship and effective **ministry** (v.30-35).

Have you been burdened with religious performance yet you still have no assurance of your salvation? Are you tired of it?

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