

## ***Soli Fide* (Acts 15:1-4; Galatians 2:11-16)**

Last time in Acts 14:1-27 we saw a Gospel Account of three cities

The pattern of the ministries

The work in Iconium (14:2-7)

The work in Lystra (14:8-10)

The work at Derbe (14:21-27)

Acts 15 is the turning point, the hinge of the book of Acts

Focus changes, Peter to Paul, Jerusalem gives way to Paul: Asia & Rome

### **I. The Great Divide (Acts 15:1-4)**

#### 1. The Problem in Focus: Justification by faith alone (15:1)

*Certain men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren

“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses”

“You cannot be saved”

The Sharp Dispute: A battle for the soul of the church (15:2)

Paul & Barnabas had no small dissension & dispute with them

Context: Paul addresses these false teachers in Galatians (1:6-9)

Paul saw that the Gospel was in danger – Peter & Barnabas led astray

Paul writes Galatians to the churches in Antioch before Jerusalem council

The Joy of the Lord was their Strength (15:3)

Sent on their way by the church: passed through Phoenicia & Samaria

Describing the conversion of Gentiles; caused great joy to all the brethren