

Acts 15

Lesson 23

Conflict over Circumcision (1-5)

- Doctrine from Judea: Circumcision necessary for salvation (1)
- Brethren dealt with the problem, Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to the Apostles (2-5)

The Jerusalem Meeting (6-21)

- Leadership (Apostles & Elders) met to consider this doctrinal issue (6)
- Peter, Paul & Barnabas, James spoke. (Note: Appeal was not to desires, but authority – (Conversion of Cornelius, Paul's ministry, Prophecy) (7-21)
- Note: Conclusions of Peter & James (10-11; 19-21)

The Jerusalem Decree (22-29)

- The teaching pleased the church. (Note: Not democratic action; rather an acceptance of the truth revealed by the apostles (22)
- They determined to send a letter to the church in Antioch, with their findings (22)
- The contents of the letter (Note: Circumcision was not to be bound upon the Gentiles. However, there were certain requirements made). (23-29)

Continuing Ministry in Antioch (30-35)

- Judas and Silas received by church in Antioch. Much joy expressed over the letter (30-34)
- Paul and Barnabas continued their ministry in Antioch (35)

Division over John Mark (36-41)

- Paul proposes another missionary journey, and a dispute arose when Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them (36-38)
- The two men were unable to agree, and parted company, with Paul taking Silas (39-41)

Student Notes: