

Acts.

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started cheering for the Razorbacks

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know what a Steven's Special is

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Disagreement

ACTS 15:1-5

Discussion & Decision

ACTS 15:6-21

Letter & Delegation

ACTS 15:22-35

Paul (Saul)

An apostle, missionary,
church planter, writer

Peter (Simon)

An apostle, early church
leader, writer

Judas (Barsabbas)

Prophet, church leader

Barnabas

Paul's buddy, missionary,
church planter

James

Brother of Jesus,
church leader, writer

Silas

Prophet, church leader,
missionary with Paul



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ACTS 15:6-8 NIV

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“...You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.”

ACTS 10:28 NIV

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

ACTS 10:34-35 NIV

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He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

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ACTS 15:9-11 NIV

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith
—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.**

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV



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The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.¹³ When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me.¹⁴ Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.¹⁵ The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

ACTS 15:12-15 NIV

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“After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,¹⁷ that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’—¹⁸ things known from long ago.

ACTS 15:16-18 NIV

“In that day “I will restore David’s fallen shelter— I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins— and will rebuild it as it used to be,¹² so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,” declares the LORD, who will do these things.

AMOS 9:11-12 NIV

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“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.²⁰ Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from **food polluted by idols,** from **sexual immorality,** from the **meat of strangled animals and from blood.**²¹ For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

ACTS 15:19-21 NIV

Religion says I obey, therefore I'm accepted.
The gospel says I'm accepted, therefore I obey.

TIM KELLER

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Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers.²³ With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings.

ACTS 15:22-23 NIV

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²⁴ We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵ So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul—²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸ It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: ²⁹ You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.

Farewell.

ACTS 15:23B-29 NIV

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So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter.³¹ The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message.³² Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers.³³ After spending some time there, they were sent off by the believers with the blessing of peace to return to those who had sent them.³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

ACTS 15:30-35 NIV



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