

# Disciple's Quest

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE  
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.*

JOHN 8:31



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The Jerusalem Council  
Acts 15:1-19

## Main Idea:

When false teachers assailed Gentile believers with the heretical idea that circumcision and law keeping were necessary for salvation, forceful correction was needed to affirm the authentic biblical gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. That correction came from the apostles and elders, including Peter, Paul and James, who convened a council at Jerusalem to address the matter.

## Outline:

- 1) The Departure
- 2) The Danger
- 3) The Dissension
- 4) The Deliberation – Peter’s defense of the Gospel of Grace
  - a. The premise
  - b. The proof
  - c. The product
  - d. The precept
- 5) The Decision

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 How would you define legalism?

What makes it dangerous?

#2 It was said in the message that the addition of circumcision and law keeping to the Gospel amounted to a repudiation of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Do you agree? Why or why not?

#3 What historic event did Peter appeal to in order to disprove the false teachers' notion that circumcision and law keeping were necessary before a Gentile could be saved?

#4 What is the only correct answer to the question, "If you were to die today, why should God let you into His heaven?"

#5 Is the true Gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone still under attack today in the same way as is described in Acts 15?

Where?

How can we combat the spread of this deadly spiritual poison?