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# ACTS

15:1-35

*When the Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*  
When the day of Pentecost came suddenly a sound like a rushing wind



# **Legalism vs. Grace & Love**

**Rules, Religious Rites Customs**

**vs.**

**Relationship with Jesus**

# Religion vs. Relationship

- ✱ v.1 - circumcision, “customs”
- ✱ Law of works vs Law of love
- ✱ Matt. 22:34-40 - Love sums up the law & the prophets
- ✱ God is love - 1 John 4:8
- ✱ Have to's vs Get to's - 1 John 3:16
- ✱ Demands sacrifice vs Desires to serve

# Religion vs. Relationship

- ✱ (v.9) Obedience to ceremonies & rituals vs. Jesus the “Lord of the Sabbath” (Matt. 12:6-8)
- ✱ v.10 “yoke” vs v.28 “not to burden”

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**Salvation by Works**

**Vs.**

**Salvation through Faith in Christ**



# Works vs. Faith

- ✱ **W = Salvation is earned**
- ✱ **F = I am owed death, but God gave me a gift by grace (Eph. 2:8-9)**
- ✱ **W = Owed me, it's my right**
- ✱ **F = I owe Jesus, thankful and claims no rights - demonstrated by doing (James 2:14-26)**
- ✱ **v.9 - "he purified their hearts by faith"**

# **Legalism vs. Grace & Love**

**Cause Disputes & Division**

**Vs**

**Unity & Peace**

# **Division vs Divine Unity**

## **✱ Legalism**

- ▶ v.2 - “sharp dispute” = heated**
- ▶ v.5 - its about party lines**
- ▶ Gal. 2:11-16 - Peter & Paul**
- ▶ About distinctions, Jew, Greek, male, female...who has done what**



# **Division vs Divine Unity**

## **✿ Grace**

- ▶ Lovling confronts - works it out following Matt. 18**
- ▶ v. 4 - Church was welcoming**
- ▶ Reports about God**
- ▶ v.7 - Discusses**
- ▶ Peter/James humbly speak up**



# **Division vs Divine Unity**

- ▶ **v.9 - makes no distinction**
- ▶ **Not about minority or majority, but God's Word & the leading of the H.S.**
- ▶ **v.12 - whole assembly listened to testimony**
- ▶ **Came to a solution which resulted in gladness, encouragement, strength, blessing & peace**



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# 1 Corinthians

1:18-31