

ACTS 15: THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

The Holy Spirit at Work

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Lesson 1 : Paul Moves On to Galatia

- **Sharing in Leadership -- Acts 13:1**
- **Worship and fellowship --Acts 13:2**
- **God's Will and Call --Acts 13:2**
- **Prayer and Fasting --Acts 13:3**
- **Commissioning and Sending --Acts 13:3**

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7 PRINCIPLES OF MISSIONS WORK

1. MISSIONARY WORK IS A TEAM EFFORT —Acts 13:4

2. MISSIONS STARTS WITH WHAT IS FAMILIAR —Acts 13:4

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3. START IN THE LOGICAL PLACE --Acts 13:5

4. MISSIONS IS ABOUT EXTENDING OUR REACH --Acts 13:6

5. MISSIONS WORK WILL BE OPPOSED – EXPECT IT--Acts 13:6–8

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6. BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT –Acts 13:9–11

**7. WHEN THE GOSPEL IS FAITHFULLY PREACHED IN TRUTH
AND POWER – PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE ON THE LORD –Acts 13:12**

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LESSONS IN GALATIA – HANDLING MINISTRY DIFFICULTIES

- **DON'T GIVE UP WHEN YOU FACE RESISTANCE –Acts 13:50-51**
- **KEEP A GOOD ATTITUDE --Acts 13:52**

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- **BE ADAPTABLE** --Acts 14:1–3
- **BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST BATTLES AFTER VICTORIES** -- Acts 14:19
- **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT** --Acts 14:20-21
- **FOCUS ON WHAT GOD IS ACCOMPLISHING** -- Acts 14:26–27

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The Council in Jerusalem – How to Resolve Church Conflicts –Acts 15

REASONS FOR THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL:

“For years the Jews had reached God through the difficult requirements of the Law. Now Jesus had provided the bridge to God. Many Jewish Christians had trouble accepting that Gentiles could reach God without traveling that difficult path requiring circumcision, kosher diet, and other Jewish ceremonial laws. The Jerusalem Council was necessary to settle the issue once and for all.”

Wood, G. O. (2010). Acts: The Holy Spirit at work in believers

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6 STEPS TO RESOLVE CHURCH CONFLICT

1. CLEARLY DEFINE THE PROBLEM --Acts 15:5
2. HAVE A FULL AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE --Acts 15:6–7
3. LISTEN TO THE EXAMPLE OF GODLY PEOPLE WHOSE PAST WALK WITH GOD GIVES THEM INSIGHT INTO THE PRESENT SITUATION --Acts 15:7–12

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- 4. TEST EXPERIENCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES AND
MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDING TO THE WORD --Acts
15:13–19**
- 5. SEPARATE MAJOR ISSUES FROM THE MINOR ONES --
Acts 15:20–21**
- 6. CLEARLY COMMUNICATE THE DECISION TO
EVERYONE AFFECTED BY IT --Acts 15:22–32**

LESSONS FROM PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Test Yourself: Select the *best* answer.

1. The five leaders of the church of Antioch mentioned in [Acts 13](#) are
- Luke, Barnabas, Lucuis of Cyrene, Manaen, and Paul.
 - Lucuis of Cyrene, Niger, Luke, Manaen, and Barnabas.
 - Mark, Lucuis of Cyrene, Niger, Paul and Barnabas.
 - Barnabas, Paul, Lucuis of Cyrene, Manaen, and Niger.

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2. The Jewish sorcerer that opposed Paul at Paphos was named

- Simon.
- Elymas.
- Legion.
- Demos.

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3. Which of the following is NOT a principle of missions according to Acts 13?

- Work is a team effort.
- Expect opposition.
- Be a solo missionary.
- Be full of the Spirit.

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4. The Greek term: *kerygma*

- refers to preaching and teaching under the power of the Holy Spirit.
- is the proclamation or announcement of God's saving activity in calling and sustaining His chosen people.
- refers to poetic literature within the Old Testament.
- is all of the above.

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5. Shortly after Paul healed a crippled man in Lystra, the crowd
- had a feast in his honor.
 - stoned him and left him for dead.
 - believed and followed Christ.
 - asked Paul and Barnabas to leave.

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6. A key to overcoming difficulty is

- to be adaptable.
- to keep a good attitude.
- to not give up when you meet resistance.
- all of the above.

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7. On their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas ministered in the region of what province?

- Achaia
- Galatia
- Macedonia
- Cappadocia

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8. The Jerusalem Council is recorded in Acts chapter

- 13.
- 15.
- 19.
- 23.

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9. A principle for resolving conflict that can be learned from the Jerusalem Council is

- compromise until church leadership changes.
- accommodate the opposing side.
- separate the major issues from the minor issues.
- avoid major confrontations.

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10. Based upon the Jerusalem Council, Gentile believers were to avoid

- food offered to idols.
- sexual immorality.
- consuming blood.
- all of the above.