

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 28

Review: *The Apostles deal with the first issue of false doctrine by issuing a unified voice concerning the Gentile's freedom from symbolic and ceremonial aspects of the Law. However, they include the Law of Love to promote deference over difference.*

I. The Devil's Desire To Divide Is Disappointed - Acts 15:25-35

- A) Unity is promoted by sound DOCTRINE
- B) Unity is promoted by seeking DEFERENCE
- C) Unity is promoted by shared DUTY

II. Differences May Exist Despite Doctrine, Deference , And Duty - Acts 15:36-38

- A) They were close friends for 18 YEARS
- B) They ministered together for 10 YEARS
- C) They were called together as MISSIONARIES
- D) They traveled together for 2 YEARS
- E) They experienced together the HARDSHIPS
- F) They stood together for BIBLICAL TRUTHS
- G) They couldn't agree on this personal MATTER

III. Differing Opinions Can Divide Even Dedicated Disciples *Our opinions of what is best may be strongly influenced by...*

- A) Our personal AFFECTIONS
- B) Our personal AGENDA
- C) Our personal ATTITUDE
 - 1) Attitudes shaped by our PERSONALITY
 - 2) Attitudes shaped by our PAST EXPERIENCES
 - 3) Attitudes shaped by our PASSIONS

IV. We Can Be Divided Without Division - Acts 15:39-41

- A) There can be a DEPARTURE
- B) There must not be a DEFAMATION
- C) There should not be a DISTRACTION