

Bible

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NRSVA)



Prayer

16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16 (NRSVA)



Acts Part 33

“The First Church Council”



1 Some men came down from Judea and *began* teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



2 And after Paul and Barnabas had a heated argument and debate with them, *the brothers* determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



3 Therefore, after being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and they were bringing great joy to all the brothers *and sisters*.

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were received by the church, the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to keep the Law of Moses."

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. 7 After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



**8 And God, who knows the heart,
testified to them giving them the
Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;
9 and He made no distinction
between us and them, cleansing their
hearts by faith.**

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



10 Since this *is the* case, why are you putting God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



12 All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



13 After they stopped speaking, James responded, saying, “Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has described how God first concerned Himself about taking a people for His name from among the Gentiles. 15 The words of the Prophets agree with this, just as it is written:

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



**16 'AFTER THESE THINGS I WILL RETURN,
AND I WILL REBUILD THE FALLEN
TABERNACLE OF DAVID, AND I WILL
REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE
IT, 17 SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY
SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES
WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,' 18 SAYS
THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS
KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.**

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



19 Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not cause trouble for those from the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols, from *acts of sexual immorality*, from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



**21 For from ancient generations
Moses has those who preach him in
every city, since he is read in the
synagogues every Sabbath.”**

Acts 15:1-21 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Acts 16:31 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Romans 3:28 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Romans 4:5 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:1 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

16 nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Galatians 2:16 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

24 Therefore the Law has become our guardian *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB)



