

ACTS CHAPTER 15 STUDY GUIDE

V. 1-2

1) What did the disagreement between these men from Judea and the Apostles in Antioch consist of? What initial step(s) did they take to resolve it? (Please keep an eye out for how that process progresses throughout this chapter.)

V. 3

2) Why did the Apostles' report of the conversion of the Gentiles cause great joy as they passed through Phenice and Samaria?

V. 4-5

3) What do we know about the Pharisees that helps explain this group's insistence that Gentile believers must be circumcised and come under the Law? Why is circumcision not needed in the New Testament?

V. 6-9

4) What do the Scriptures say about God knowing our hearts? What is this "purification by faith?"

V. 10-11

5) What is the "yoke" that Peter speaks of and why does he consider it to be tempting God?

6) What is the "grace" of the Lord Jesus Christ?

V. 12

7) What were the miracles and wonders that Jesus did through His Apostles and how do they fit into this discussion?

V. 13-18

8) James recognizes what God's Holy Spirit was doing among the Gentiles. How do we gain understanding and discernment of what Jesus is doing in our midst? What Scriptures did James refer to in V. 16-18?

V. 19-21

9) What is the concern James has to "not trouble" the believing Gentiles? What requirements did he propose as necessary for them? Find scriptures on what the requirements are. How do those requirements fit into the big picture of what God desires from His people?

10) The Gentiles and Jews had different experiences in understanding God's will through Scripture. Do we ever stop needing to learn about our God?

V. 22

11) The leaders in Jerusalem were able to reach a consensus. Who were the two men that joined Paul and Barnabas and how were they chosen?

V. 23-29

12) In previous studies, we have looked at what it means to confirm souls. What does it mean to “subvert” souls?

13) What can we notice about the way that their letter to the Gentiles was worded and sent?

V. 30-31

14) How was the letter received in Antioch? What is this “consolation”? What fruit of the Spirit are we using when we readily receive God’s instructions?

V. 32-35

15) What work was done in Antioch after the letter was delivered and received? What is the five-fold ministry? How do we exhort today?

V. 36-41

16) A contention arose between these two fellow-laborers in Christ. What can we learn about it, from it, and from how they dealt with it? What good if any comes from it? Overall, what do we learn from this chapter about how disagreements can be handled among saints in the unity of the Spirit?