

Questions on Acts chapter 15

1. Why was the question of circumcision such an important one? Was it Paul's idea to go to Jerusalem? If not whose was it? Verses 1-2. (See Galatians 2:1-2)

2. Who provided for the expense of going to Jerusalem and what encouragement did they receive along the way? Verses 3-4.

3. What was lacking in the conversion of the Gentiles, according to some? Who alone had authority to decide the question? Verses 5-6.

4. What incident does Peter remind them of? Had Peter ever made this speech before to them? Verses 7-8.

5. How does Peter regard the idea of putting "a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear"? Verses 9-10.

6. What argument by Peter silenced the multitude and what could Paul and Barnabas add? Verses 11-12.

7. Who is this James and who is “Simeon” who declared how God visited the Gentiles? Verses 13-14.

8. What “tabernacle” is being rebuilt in the time of James—the literal building of the house, a tabernacle of David, or what? Verses 15-16.

9. How long had it been known that the Gentiles would be admitted into the Messianic kingdom? Verses 17-18.

10. What was the only conclusion that could be reached concerning necessary things imposed on the Gentiles—things independent of Mosaic Law? Verses 19-20.

11. How does James anticipate an objection of the Pharisees that to ignore the statutes of Moses will cause his writings to fall into contempt or be neglected? Verse 21.

12. What three groups all agreed to send two chief (leading) men to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas? Verse 22.

13. How did the greeting of the letter acknowledge acceptance of the Gentiles as being included—which was the issue questioned by some in Jerusalem. Verse 23.

14. According to the letter, did the Judaizers from Jerusalem have authority from the church? Verse 24.

15. What is affirmed again about the mind of those in Jerusalem and who was it that hazarded their lives? Verses 25-26.

16. Why did the brethren send Judas and Silas? Was the decision made inspired? What four things were decided? Verses 27-29.

17. What happened when the men reached Antioch and what was the result? Verses 30-31.

18. What was the double benefit derived from the four brethren? Verses 32-33.

19. Who stayed on in Antioch and what did they do? Verses 34-35.

20. What does verse 36 mark the beginning of, what is proposed, and why is it to be done? Verse 36.

21. Who does Barnabas want to take along and why does Paul object? Verses 37-38.

22. Why would Barnabas choose the companion he did and why choose to go to Cyprus? Verse 39. (See Colossians 4:10 and Acts 4:36)

23. Who did Paul choose? Who recommended him? Verse 40.

24. Where did Paul go and what did he do? Verse 41.