

Jerusalem Council, pt 2
Acts 15:6-11
August 14, 2022

Review: Acts 15

- Background: Antioch
- Question: What are the requirements of salvation?
- Issue: What about Circumcision and the Law of Moses?

Story:

- The hearing convened. 15:6
- Peter addresses the council. 15:7-11
 - Message: Remember Cornelius (See Acts 10-11)
 - Key: God made a choice... Gentiles, Gospel, Believe
 - God granted the Holy Spirit
 - God knows their heart,
 - Internal vs. External! - Jeremiah 4:4; 9:26; Rom 2:29
 - He accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit...(See Acts 10:45!)
 - (Just like the Jews – Acts 2!)
 - God made no distinction between Jew and Gentile
 - He purified their hearts by faith. - See Gal. 2:15-16; Acts 10:15
 - Call the question: Why are you trying to test God?
 - Did God know what He was doing or not?
 - Why put a yoke on them that we could not bear?
 - See Matthew 23:4; Galatians 3:25
 - Why is the Law not binding? What was the purpose of the Law?
 - It cannot save. See Galatians 3:19-25
 - Removal of the Law – Gal. 5:1ff; Col 2:14-17
 - We are saved through the grace of our Lord Jesus, just as they are.
- Response: The whole assembly became silent...
 - See Galatians 5:6; 6:15

Application:

- Are you saved?
- How do you know?
- Are you still trying to “earn” it?