

# The Jerusalem Council

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## Passages

- Acts 15

## Main Idea for Today

Salvation is only by God's \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

V1-5 - What is really required to be saved?

V6-11 - There is nothing else!

V12-21 – The Determination

V22-29 – A Letter Sent

V30-25 – The Letter Received

## Closing Thoughts

## 5 Days of Further Study

### Day 1 – Read Acts 15:1-11

<b>Questions</b>	? What was different about the preaching of the unknown men who came from Judea? ? Thinking back to Cornelius and Peter (Acts 10), how did this prepare Peter for this situation?
<b>Reflections</b>	⇒ What is an appropriate way to respond when you feel the gospel is being preached inaccurately? ⇒ Requirements for salvation are shown to be simple. Write out how you would tell someone they could be saved

### Day 2 – Read Acts 15:12-35

<b>Questions</b>	? Did God change his plans to provide salvation for the Gentiles? Why or why not? ? Why did the letter encourage the Gentile believers in Antioch?
<b>Reflections</b>	⇒ Are there ever any ways we put undue burdens (v 28) on believers? ⇒ Create a list of 5 ways you could encourage other believers?

### Day 3 – Read Acts 16:1-15

<b>Questions</b>	? How is Timothy described in these verses? ? Describe Paul's vision and his obedience
<b>Reflections</b>	⇒ After the discussion in Acts 15, why did Paul circumcise Timothy? ⇒ Why is the account of Lydia included?

### Day 4 – Read Acts 16:16-40

<b>Questions</b>	? Why were Paul and Silas tossed in jail? ? How did the jailer respond to Paul and Silas?
<b>Reflections</b>	⇒ Retell this account as if you were telling a 7 yr old. ⇒ How does this account help us to better understand conversion to Jesus?

### Day 5 – Read Acts 17:16-34

<b>Questions</b>	? How are the people of Athens described? How is their response to Paul described? ? What is the main point of Paul's message?
<b>Reflections</b>	⇒ Do you know anyone similar to the people of Athens? ⇒ How would you represent Jesus to people like this?

