

Standing in the Gap

- I. The Problem: Are the gentiles really _____? (Acts 15:1-3)
- A. _____ arises in Antioch (Acts 15:1)
 - B. After much debate, Paul and Barnabas are sent to the leaders in Jerusalem to get _____ (Acts 15:2-3)
- II. Paul and Barnabas meet with the _____ in Jerusalem (Acts 15:4-29)
- A. Paul and Barnabas reported on how the _____ was reaching the gentiles (Acts 15:4)
 - B. Opposition from _____ Pharisees (Acts 15:5)
 - C. The response of the leaders (Acts 15:6-7a)
 - 1. Peter reminds them of when the Holy Spirit first _____ the believing gentiles (Acts 15:7b-11)
 - 2. Paul and Barnabas _____ how they reached the gentiles with the Gospel which _____ Peter's words (Acts 15:12)
 - 3. James gives a _____ defense for gentiles being saved (Acts 15:13-18)
 - 4. James' recommendation (Acts 15:19-22)
 - a. Do not _____ gentiles that are coming to Christ (Acts 15:19)
 - b. Once _____, be obedient to God (Acts 15:20-21)
- III. The response of the Jerusalem church to the gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:23-29)
- A. They sent a letter detailing the _____ from the church (Acts 15:23-29)
 - B. They sent leaders from the church with Paul and Barnabas to _____ the letter (Acts 15:22, 27)
- IV. The Response in Antioch (15:30-35)
- A. They were _____ and encouraged (Acts 15:30-32)
 - B. They sent Judas and Silas home with a _____ (Acts 15:33)
 - C. They continued to _____ the Word (Acts 15:35)
- V. The effects of their decision
- A. It freed the Gospel from unnecessary _____
 - B. It antagonized many Jews causing _____ between Christians and Jews especially in Jerusalem

VI. Questions to Ponder

- A. Do you _____ anything to the Gospel Message?
- B. Do you _____ the Gospel Message?
- C. Do you _____ the Word so you can draw closer to God and other believers?
- D. Do you _____ the Word of God for your _____? (Ezekiel 22:25-29)
- E. Do you _____ the truth of God's Word? (Ezekiel 22:30-31)