



Salvation By Faith Alone In Christ Alone

Series: “Real Christianity: How It Flourished”, Part 3 of 13

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Big Idea: Salvation is by grace through faith alone in Christ alone.

Text: Acts 15:1-21

I. The Conflict.

Acts 15:1, Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.”

Galatians 1:6-7, I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

II. The Consultation.

A. Some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees.

Acts 15:5, Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.”

B. Peter

Acts 15:7-11, After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9 He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. 10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear?”

Acts 15:11, “No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

C. Barnabas and Paul.

Acts 15:12, The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

D. James.

Acts 15:13, When they finished, James spoke up: “Brothers, listen to me.”

Acts 15:14, Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself.

Acts 15:15-18, The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:
16“After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, 17that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’18that have been known for ages.”

III. The Conclusion.

Acts 15:19-21, “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. 20 Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. 21 For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”