**BY GOD'S GRACE ALONE**

Acts 15:1-35

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

1. What problem did the men from Judea create in Antioch? (1-2) Why did Paul and Barnabas strongly oppose their teaching? (13:38-39) What did the church decide to do? (3)

2. What was the issue raised by some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees and why? (5) What are modern day examples?

3. What was the basis of Peter’s conviction that Gentile believers do not need to be circumcised? (7-11) Why is it important to remember that we are saved by God’s grace alone? (11)

4. How did the testimony of Barnabas and Paul support Peter’s point? (3-4,12) What conclusion did James draw from their discussion? (13-18) What several rules did he say that Gentile believers should follow and why?

5. How did the council’s decision strengthen the church? (22-35) What is the significance of this decision to the church through the ages and to us?