

ACTS

A Gospel Debate

Acts 15:1-12

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1. In the context of great rejoicing over the door of faith that had been opened to the Gentiles, a serious _____ to the gospel appeared.

a. The proclamation and reception of the gospel of Jesus Christ by sinners of all sorts is reason for great _____.

b. Some Pharisees, who had believed in Jesus as the Christ, insisted that unless Gentiles were circumcised and observed the law of _____, they were not really saved.

c. The purpose of circumcision actually confirms the truth of the gospel.

1) Circumcision was instituted as a _____ of the covenant of promise made with Abraham and was to be performed on all the male descendants of Abraham. This promise had its fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

2) Circumcision was discontinued as a sign of membership among God's covenant people in the _____ Testament.

2. The gospel message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone must be carefully _____.

a. There were _____ meetings between the delegation from the church at Antioch and the brethren from the church in Jerusalem to deal with this serious challenge to the gospel.

b. _____ made it clear when He brought salvation to the Gentiles through Peter, that all people are saved through the grace of Christ in the same way.

c. The gospel speaks of "*the divine mercy exercised through the Lord Jesus Christ alone, contrasted with with the heavy _____ of legal, ceremonial bondage.*" - J.A. Alexander