

The Effect of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:30-16:5)

1. The debate in Jerusalem (the Jerusalem Council)
 - a. Peter (15:7-11)
 - b. Paul and Barnabas (15:12)
 - c. James (15:13-21)
2. The council's letter (15:22-29)
 - i. The gospel of divine grace was affirmed
 - ii. The unity of the church was safeguarded
 - iii. Evangelism of the Gentile could proceed without hindrance
 - iv. Gentile churches: established and encouraged
 - v. The future of the church as a whole was guaranteed

I. Antioch Receives the Letter (15:30-35)

Paul & Barnabas and others were sent back to Antioch to deliver the letter

The church read the letter & the church rejoiced over its encouragement

Judas & Silas exhorted, strengthened the church: remained for some time

II. Syria & Cilicia Received the Letter

After some days Paul made a proposal to Barnabas to revisit the churches

Barnabas sought to take Mark; Paul sharply disagreed (vv.38)

Disagreement caused Paul & Barnabas to part company: Paul chose Silas

III. Galatians Receive the Letter (16:1-5)

Paul takes along with him Timothy, Jewish Greek – circumcises him (3)

Conclusion and Application

Salvation: an issue of Christian truth

Fellowship: an issue of Christian love