

PRC Community Groups

Providence Road Church



Sermon Series: To the Ends of the Earth

Message: Salvation for All People by Faith Alone in Christ Alone

Passage: Acts 15:1-35

Date Preached: February 3rd, 2013

Going Deeper

1. Discuss the context of the passage. What was the question that desperately needed answer?
2. Who were the Judaizers? Explain their view on the Gospel. Why was it so difficult for them to accept that Gentiles would be saved outside of the Law?
3. Describe the influence the Judaizers had over the churches the Apostle Paul had planted throughout Asia Minor? *[Read Galatians 1:6-10; Galatians 3:1-5. Even the Apostle Peter was intimidated. Galatians 2:11-14]*
4. At the Jerusalem council a verdict was given. Explain the decision and the arguments given by both Peter and James as evidence. Pastor Jose's points help explain:
 - a. God Extends Salvation to All Nations 15:7,13-18
 - b. God Gives the Holy Spirit to All Whom He Saves 15:8-9a
 - c. God Forgives Sinners and Gives Them Life 15:9b
 - d. God Give Freedom from the Bondage of the Law 15:10-11
 - e. God Provides Evidences that Cannot be Denied 15:12
5. What is the deal with the four things the Gentiles needed to abstain from? Were they required for salvation? Why were they important? *[Fellowship with Jewish believers and for sanctification purposes. The four things are universal truths for all men predating the Law an Judaism. On blood, Genesis 9:3-4]*

Application

1. How important is it that we remain faithful to the purity of the Gospel? How is the Gospel easily distorted in our day?
2. What role do "works" play in our lives as Christians? Do "works" determine salvation or give evidence of salvation? Why is the answer to this question so important?
3. Describe what happens when a person gets saved? Can you share how God has personally changed and transformed you? Like the things that the Gentiles needed to abstain from, what things did you understand you needed to give up when God saved you?

4. Based on the passage, what implications are there for us in terms of Missions?
5. Plan a missional serve strong project with your group. Serve, love, be intentional with someone who needs Jesus.
6. Have you identified the one person you are prayerfully investing in? Name that person and pray for them as a group.