

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Barnabas and Paul had traveled from Syrian Antioch to Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Derbe, Lystra, Perga and Attalia. On their travels they witnessed God pour out His power through their lives and pour out His grace on the Gentiles through the Gospel. They had also had a foretaste of the hardships that would come along with the spread of the Gospel.
- \* They traveled back to their sending church - Syrian Antioch - to give a report of all that God had done. They stayed in Antioch, providing additional instruction to the church.
- \* But then the dissension which they saw in Pisidia and Pamphylia found them in Antioch. But, this conflict would prove to be used by God to solidify His plan of redemption being extended freely to all nations!

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ IN ANTIOCH (cf. 14:27 - 15:5)****A. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ for the Dissension (15:1-2,5)****B. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ to the Dissension (15:2)**

1. THE D \_\_\_\_\_
2. THE D \_\_\_\_\_

**II. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ IN JERUSALEM (cf. 15:6-12)****A. The S \_\_\_\_\_ (15:6-7)**

1. THERE WAS \_\_\_\_\_
2. THERE WAS \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The S \_\_\_\_\_ (15:7-12)**

1. BY PETER (15:7-11)
  - a. His Re \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Work (15:7-9)
  - b. His Re \_\_\_\_\_ of the Judaizers (15:10-11)
2. BY BARNABAS & PAUL (15:12)

**III. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ BY JAMES (cf. 15:13-21)****A. The B \_\_\_\_\_ for the Decision (15:13-18)**

1. THE TESTIMONY OF S \_\_\_\_\_
2. THE TESTIMONY OF THE S \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Amos 9:11-12)

**B. The C \_\_\_\_\_ of the Decision (15:19-21)****IV. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ BY JAMES (cf. 15 )****A. Initiated By the Elders (15:22-23a)****B. Confirmed By the Church (15:22)****C. Sent By Paul & Barnabas, with Judas & Silas (15:22-30)****D. Received With Rejoicing (15:31-35)****INTROSPECTION**

- \* How do you resolve conflicts? Do you seek to discern the will of God - or to win the argument?
- \* Do look to independent, wise counsel for advise, or to those who you know will agree with you?
- \* Are you "adding" anything for someone to be saved, beyond what God has declared? Are you trusting in your works, or His grace?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* What would be the proper route for us to pursue if there is a question of doctrine in our midst?