

D. THE STANDARD OF THE TEACHING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (not including the Gospels)

ACT 15:1 And some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

ACT 15:2 And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.

ACT 15:3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

ACT 15:4 And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

ACT 15:5 But certain ones of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

ACT 15:6 And the apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.

ACT 15:7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

ACT 15:8 "And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;

ACT 15:9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

ACT 15:10 "Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

ACT 15:11 "But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

ACT 15:12 And all the multitude kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

ACT 15:13 And after they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me.

ACT 15:14 "Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.