

Dealing with Dissension

Acts 15

I. Introduction

- Newsweek article
- Scripture's glaring honesty

II. The Problem: Corrupted Message (v1-5)

- Jewish teachers' false message
- The response of Paul and Barnabas

III. The Solution: Jerusalem Council (v6-21)

- Peter's thoughts
- Paul and Barnabas' thoughts
- James' thoughts

IV. The Decree: Send Letter (v22-29)

- Sent Judas and Silas
- Abstain from certain things out of love

V. The Response: Great Encouragement (v30-35)

- The Gentiles very encouraged
- Paul and Barnabas continue to look for ways to be used by the Lord

VI. The Division: Parting Ways (v36-41)

- The issue over John Mark
- Who was right?
- It seems that Paul was for 3 reasons:
 - 1.) Paul was an apostle
 - 2.) The church's commendation
 - 3.) The Holy Spirit's focus on Paul for the remainder of Acts

Conclusion:

- 1.) Encouraging to know that Paul and Barnabas were not perfect
- 2.) Encouraging to know that Paul and Barnabas did not hold grudges
- 3.) Encouraging to know Romans 8:28