

No to Legalism, Yes to Love

Acts 15:7-21

(series #52)

Introduction:

Our relationship to the Old Covenant

The animosity between Jew and Gentile

- Acts 21:15-36, 22:1-22

Peter reviewed the past vv. 7-11

God settled the matter 10 years ago v. 7

God gave the Gentiles the Holy Spirit by faith vv. 8-9

God's salvation is the same for Jew and Gentile v.
10

Peter's conclusion: by grace through faith alone v.
11

Barnabas and Paul reported on the present v. 12

Barnabas is listed first

Their report was not lengthy

James related it all to the future vv. 13-18

His key position in the council v. 13

His reminder that Peter was first to Gentiles v. 14

His use of Amos 9:11-12 vv. 15-18

- Gentiles will be saved as Gentiles in the
kingdom

Conclusion: the decision vv. 19-21

- The doctrinal side concerning salvation: no to
legalism

- The practical side concerning living: yes to love