

Convent of the Apostles – Lesson Four

Galatians 2:1-10, Acts 15:1-31, 16:1-6

PREPARE

- Can you summarize what Paul argued in Galatians 1?
- Describe the major problems for the churches in Acts 13-14
- Read Galatians 2:1-10
- Read Acts 15:1-31, 16:1-6

QUESTIONS

1. What is the issue for Paul and the Pharisees? (Acts 15:1-5)
2. What is the argument Peter uses? (Acts 15:6-11)
3. How does Paul prove his point? (Acts 15:12)
4. And what is James' line of reasoning? (Acts 15:13-21)
5. Read the Letter once more and note its impact (Acts 15:22-31)
6. What is the importance of Titus not needing to be circumcised? (Gal 2:1-3)
7. How does the false gospel bring people into bondage? (Gal 2:4-5)
8. What was the final agreement between the apostles? (Gal 2:6-10)
9. Is this a blatant contradiction in Paul's behaviour? (Acts 16:1-6, Gal 2:3)
10. Is there a 'rule' behind Paul's behaviour related to circumcision that can help us today to deal with cultural and theological differences?

WORD STUDIES

Acts 15: 2,4 Apostles and elders <apostoloi kai presbyteroi>

Acts 15:5 Party <hairesoos>

Acts 15:8 Gods who knows the hearts <kardiognoostes>

Acts 15:14 Gentiles <ethnoon> People <laos>

Acts 16:4 Decisions <dogmata>

Gal 2:4 False brothers <pseudadelphous>
Make us slaves <katadouloosousin>

Gal 2:8 Who was at work <energesas>

Gal 2:9 Right hand of fellowship <koinoonia>