

The Truth Of The Gospel

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Galatians 2:14 – But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

This verse really shed light upon me.

I wonder how these Jews were living after the manner of Gentiles and not as do the Jews?

Acts 15:1 – And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Acts 15:2 – When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 15:5 – But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

To keep the law of Moses!

Acts 15:6 – And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

The Church came together.

Proverbs 11:14 – Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Acts 15:7 – And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

Much disputing.

Acts 15:8 – And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

Acts 15:9 – And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:10 — Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples,

which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

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Matthew 11:30 – *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Acts 15:11 – *But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.*

Acts 15:12 – *Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.*

Acts 15:13 – *And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:*

They kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul.

Acts 15:19 – *Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:*

Acts 15:20 – *But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*

Acts 15:24 – *Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:*

Acts 15:25 – *It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,*

Acts 15:26 – *Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Acts 15:27 – *We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.*

Acts 15:28 – *For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;*

Acts 15:29 – *That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*

If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

If thou having a Seventh-day Adventist background, why would you compel someone to live as a

Seventh-day Adventist?

You have to go to church on Saturday and you should not eat meat, but if you do, it better be a clean meat.

2 Timothy 2:7 – *Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*

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