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The previous chapter ended saying: And when they arrived, and gathered the church, they retold all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

And there they stayed a long time with the disciples.

The Council at Jerusalem,

¹ And some men who came down from Judaea taught the brothers, and said, Except you are circumcised after the manner of Moses, you cannot be saved.

² And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissent and debate with them, they determined that Paul, Barnabas, and some others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this matter.

³ And being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they brought great joy to all the brothers.

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

⁵ But there arose some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, That it was necessary to circumcise them, *and to instruct them to keep the law of Moses.*

⁶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider this matter.

⁷ And after there had been much debating, Peter rose up, and said to them, Men and brothers, you know that long ago God made a choice among us, that by my mouth, the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, as He did to us;

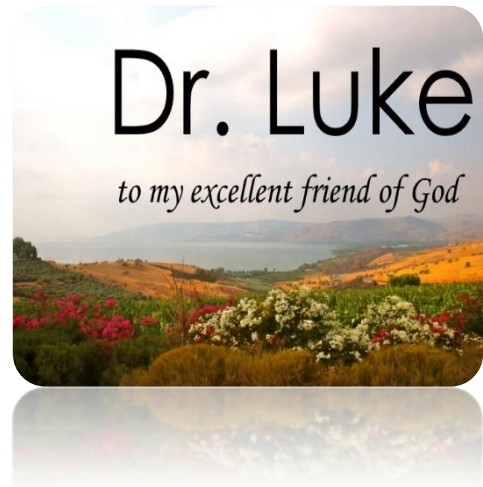
⁹ and made *no* distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts *by faith.*

¹⁰ So now, why test God, to put a yoke on the neck of disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

¹¹ *But we believe that we are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ just like them.*

¹² And all the multitude kept silent, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

¹³ And after they were hushed, James answered, saying, Men and brothers, listen to me:



¹⁴ **Simeon told us how at first God visited the Gentiles, to take of them a people for His Name.**

¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree; as it is written,

¹⁶ After these things **I will return, and will rebuild the tent of David, which has fallen; and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it:** / Jesus is the tent of David.

¹⁷ That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by My Name, says the Lord, who does all these things.

¹⁸ Who makes known these things from the beginning.

¹⁹ So it is my judgment, that we do not trouble them, who turn to God from the Gentiles:

²⁰ **but we write to them, that they abstain from things contaminated by idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood.**

²¹ For Moses from long ago has in every city those who preach him, being read every sabbath day in the synagogues.

²² Then it pleased the apostles and elders with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers:

²³ And they sent this letter by them:

The apostles and brothers who are elders, to the brothers in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, who are from the Gentiles, greetings.

²⁴ **Since we heard that some whom we gave no instruction, who went out from us have disturbed you with their words, threatening your souls, saying, You must be circumcised, and keep the law:**

²⁵ **It seemed good to us, being of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,**

²⁶ **Men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁷ **So we have sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth.**

²⁸ **For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay on you no greater burden than these necessary things;**

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29 That you abstain from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: if you keep yourselves free from these things you will do well. Farewell.

End of the letter,

30 So when they were sent away, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the assembly together, they delivered the letter:

31 and when they read, they rejoiced for the relief.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets themselves, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with this lengthy message.

33 And after they stayed there a while, they were sent away from the brothers in peace, to those who sent them out.

34 But it seemed good for Silas to stay there.

35 Paul also and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

The second missionary journey,

36 And after some time Paul said to Barnabas, Let us return and visit our brothers in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are.

37 And Barnabas decided to take John, called Mark, with them.

38 But Paul insisted that it was not good to take this man with them, who deserted them in Pamphylia, and did not go with them to the work.

39 And there arose a sharp disagreement between them, that they separated from one another: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed to Cyprus;

40 But Paul chose Silas, and departed, being committed by the brothers to the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, reinforcing the assemblies.



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