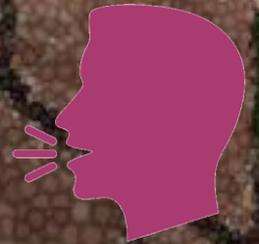


WHAT HE SAID

Peter's Speeches in Acts

Jerusalem Council
Acts 15



Acts 15:4-12 NIV

When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.” The apostles and elders met to consider this question.

Acts 15:4-12 NIV

After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:4-12 NIV

Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.



Adding Requirements to Salvation



*The Gentiles must be circumcised
and required to keep the law of Moses.*

The Law

A Salvation By Works
Jesus AND

An Impossible Burden

*we should not make it difficult
for the Gentiles who are turning to God.*



Salvation and Discipleship



*make every effort
to add to your faith*

**The Requirement for Salvation
is Simple Faith**

**As Followers of Christ,
we are called to Discipleship**

**Saved by Faith in Christ
Live by Faith in Christ**

Trusting the Work of the Spirit



*He did not discriminate
between us and them,
for he purified their hearts by faith.*

Trust the Assurance of the Spirit

Trust the Work of the Spirit

Trust the Guidance of the Spirit

Spirit-Filled

Evidence



The Gift of Grace



*We believe it is through the grace
of our Lord Jesus that we are saved,
just as they are.*

Saved by Grace

Grace is Radical but Radically True

Salvation is a Gift

Salvation is an Invitation

Salvation is a Miracle of God