

Chapter 15 (1 - 29)

Some Jewish Christians came to Syrian Antioch from Judea and said that non-Jewish Christians should be circumcised

Paul and Barnabas argued against such an idea, and decided to go to Jerusalem to discuss this issue with the apostles there

During a long meeting, Peter reminded everyone how the Holy Spirit had been poured out on non-circumcised people

James spoke of how all peoples are meant to be consecrated to the Lord

James then issued a teaching for non-Jewish believers:

"All we ask you to do is to abstain

- from food sacrificed to idols
- from blood from the meat of strangled animals
- from fornication.

Avoid these, and you will do what is right"

Jesus, please don't let me make unreasonable demands on other people