

Acts

Chapter 15

Student

Contents: The first Christian council held at Jerusalem regarding the question of circumcision of the Gentiles. Paul and Silas's missionary journey. chosen.

Characters: **GOD, JESUS, HOLY SPIRIT**, Moses, Paul, Barnabas, apostles, elders, Pharisees, Peter, James, Simeon, David, Judas, Silas, Mark.

Conclusion: Knowledge learned should be used at all times. In a multitude of counsellors there is safety and satisfaction, **IF**, the counsellors are women and men whom **GOD** has approved and who are instructed in **HIS WORD**. [See **Proverbs 11:14, 15:22,24:6**] When serious differences in regard to **GOD's WORD** arise, **GOD's** people should come together in solemn gatherings with much for prayer and mutual discussion to seek **GOD's** direction.

Key Word: Council, 6, 25.

Strong Verses: 11, 14, 18.

Striking Facts: 14. This is one of the most important passages in the New Testament, showing the divine direction for the church in this dispensationⁱ. It is not the conversion of the world through the different agencies of reform, but the taking out of the world an elect people who shall make up the *Body* or *Bride of Christ*. The Gospel everywhere calls out some, ***but it never, in any place, has been known to convert all***, and nothing of this order is to be expected in this age. The work of the church is soul winning.

Questions:

1. What was the cause for the first Christian Counsel?
2. What were the conclusions?
3. What was Paul's reaction?
4. Why did Paul and Barnabus separate?
5. Where did the Paul and Barnabus go after they left Jerusalem?

ⁱ (*in Christian theology*) a divinely ordained order prevailing at a particular period of history.