



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.

Title: What must one do to be saved? Part 4

Lesson: 80

Text: Acts 15:19-29

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Ephesians 2:8–9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Acts 15:19–21 “Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,

“trouble”

“my” judgment

Acts 15:20 but that **WE** write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood.

Acts 15:22 Then it seemed good to the **APOSTLES** and the **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 brethren,

Acts 15:25 it seemed good to **US**, having become of **ONE MIND**, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

“ _____ ”

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21 “For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

“ _____ ”

Three violations of the Mosaic Law that the Gentiles were to avoid out of love:

“food contaminated by idols” - 1 Cor. 8-10

“fornication” - Lev 18:6-20

“what is strangled and from blood” - Lev. 17:10-14

22–23 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the 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 brethren,

23 and they sent this letter by them, “The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the **brethren** in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings. 24 “Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls, 25 it seemed good to us, having become 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 “Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: 29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.”

Implications

1. Although our theology is essential, it is also crucial that we strive to _____ one another.

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

2. Godly _____

3. Godly _____

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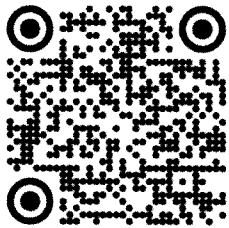
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Acts 15:28 “For it ***seemed good*** to the **Holy Spirit** and to **us** to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

Discussion Guide

1. What did you learn today about biblical leadership?
2. What are the two features of church that verses 19 and 20 point to? Why are they important and why is the order important?
3. Why can the idea of “grace” be dangerous?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 8:4–13 and discuss the concept of a “weak conscience.”
5. What are ways we can love one another in the “grey” areas of life?



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ANSWERS: First among equals, Theology, Fellowship, Self-sacrificing love, weak conscience, love, leadership, congregation, decisions, consensus