

REFINING THE MISSION (CONTINUED)— Acts 15:1–35  
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After the Lord began to bring multiple Gentile believers into the church, a question arose among the Jewish Christians:

*Isn't the call to embrace Christ for salvation also a call to submit to the traditions of the Mosaic Law?* This major issue allowed the first-century church to *refine* their mission, articulating for themselves as well as for us today not only the believer's relationship to the Law, but also the pristine message of the true gospel.

*Previously:*

1. The Dispute: What has the Lord called his witnesses to proclaim? (Acts 15:1–5)
2. The Evidence: What has the Lord been doing lately? (Acts 15:6–12)
  - a. The Evidence of the Holy Spirit (8–9)
  - b. The Evidence of the Apostles' Works (12)

*This morning:*

3. The Argument: What has God been doing all along? (Acts 15:13–17)
4. The Verdict: What does the Spirit require for the church? (Acts 15:18–32)
  - a. A Verdict Regarding the Initial Dispute (19, 24, 28)
  - b. A Verdict Regarding Jewish-Gentile Relations (20–21, 29, 31)