

Acts Ch. 15:1-35

“Jesus Plus NOTHING Equals Salvation”

*Bound by Love not by Law

1. V1-5 Defending Grace *(Do you serve God to **be** loved or are you serving God **from** Love?)*

- i. Hold Every THOUGHT captive in obedience to Christ. **Beware of false teachings that god size man and man-size God.** Anything added or subtracted from JESUS is a false gospel that cannot save. (Gal.1:8-10)
- ii. **God’s Love is a gift from His Grace.** He loves us at our worst and we do not obey him to be loved **we are loved therefore we obey.** (Eph. 2:8-9, Gal. 2:16-21)

2. V6- 21 Debating Grace *(What does God’s Word Say?)*

- i. The ground is LEVEL at the foot of the cross. There are NO second-class citizens in the Kingdom of God. **We all come to God the same way-Grace through Faith in Jesus** (Whom the Son sets free is free indeed)
- ii. Are you battling with shame, condemnation and doubt? (There is NO condemnation in Christ-Rom.8:1)

3. V22-35 Distributing Grace *(Grace free’s us and Love binds us together)*

- i. We are to use grace to **EDIFY** not stumble our brothers and sisters in Christ (Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 2:16, Romans 14:19, 1 Cor. 10:24, 1 Thess. 5:16-22)
- ii. *Ask Will this glorify God? Will this cause anyone to stumble? Will this strengthen my witness?*