



GUARDING THE GOSPEL UNIFIED BY THE TRUTH

ACTS 15:22-29

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1. Commit _____ (v.28)

Acts 15:22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, **23** with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. **24** Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, **25** it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, **26** men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **27** We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. **28** For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: **29** that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." (ESV)

2. Choose _____ (vv.22-27)

3. Call _____ (v.29)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **2 Timothy 3:16** and **Proverbs 1:29-33**. We presume to be happily in agreement with God's truth, yet aligning all our thoughts and actions with the truths we read in the Bible is a challenge. Why do you think that is?
2. Read **Psalms 119:18** and **Ephesians 1:17-18**. How would you specifically instruct a fellow Christian to go about preparing his mind and heart to read the word, study the word, or hear the word preached by a faithful expositor?
3. Read **Acts 20:27-32** and **Hebrews 13:17-18**. If you had a friend who moved to another part of the country and was looking for a church, how would you describe the importance of him finding a solid Bible-teaching church?
4. Read **Romans 14:17-21**. The early church consisted of Gentiles and Jewish-background believers—this gave rise to conflict over matters of conscience. What can we learn for church life today from this solution to the conflict?
5. Read **Colossians 3:12-17**. What needs to change in your heart and life for you to be a Christian who more intently and effectively secures biblical unity in your sphere of influence?

Streaming of both the audio and video of today's sermon is available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-35 – **Scriptural Reasons & Reasonable Explanations**

Msg. 21-25 – **Saul: A New Family**

Msg. 20-42 – **The Fear of God: And Our Leaders**

Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**

Msg. 19-31 – **Coached by the Right Leaders**

Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. 11-31 – 11:35 – **The Black & White on Gray Areas** (series on Romans 14)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

July 3 rd	Job 26-28 & Ac. 11
July 4 th	Job 29-30 & Ac. 12
July 5 th	Job 31-32 & Ac. 13:1-23
July 6 th	Job 33-34 & Ac. 13:24-52
July 7 th	Job 35-37 & Ac. 14
July 8 th	Job 38-39 & Ac. 15:1-21
July 9 th	Job 40-42 & Ac. 15:22-41
July 10 th	Ps. 1-3 & Ac. 16:1-15

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Allender, Dan and Tremper Longman. **Bold Love**. Reprint. NavPress, 1993.

Ankerberg, John, et al. **Protestants & Catholics: Do They Now Agree?** Harvest House, 1995.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.

Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.

Fisk, Bruce N. "Eating Meat Offered to Idols" *Trinity Journal* 10 (1989): 49-70.

Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. **Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity**. Baker Books, 1998.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.

Stein, Robert H. **A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing By the Rules**. Baker Books, 1994.

Still III, E. Coye. "The Meaning and Uses of 'Idol Food'" *Trinity Journal* 23NS (2002): 225-234.

Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.

Wells, David F. **Courage to Be Protestant: Truth-Lovers, Marketers & Emergents**. Eerdmans, 2009.