**Book of Acts Chapters 15 and 16**

**Acts 15 – The Council at Jerusalem**

* Issues
  + Approximately 52 A.D. (20 years after the Ascension)
  + Not formally a “governing” body
  + Antioch ascending
  + Jerusalem descending
  + Gentile Converts and Law of Moses
  + Paul and Barnabas’ Testimony
  + Peter’s Testimony.
  + James’ Declaration
  + Four Determinations
  + Church can now move forward.

VS 1-6 The Issue of Circumcision

VS 7-11 Peter’s Testimony – the Law did not save the Gentiles.

* Review Acts 10 – Gentile Pentecost.
* In the Torah there are 613 specific commandments.
* Romans 53 references to the Law.
* Galatians 27 references to the Law.
* Galatians 2:16 – no one is justified by the works of the Law.
* Galatians 3:11 and 13 – life by faith, Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law.
* Galatians 5:3 – if you want circumcision you have to keep the entire law – no grace.
* Romans 3:20 – law shows us our sin.
* Romans 10:4 – Christ is the end of the Law.

VS 12 The Testimony of Barnabas and Paul – report from 1st Missionary Journey

VS 13 – 18 James’ Testimony

* Quotes Amos 9:11-12 – rebuilding the Tabernacle of David
* Romans Chapters 9, 10 and 11 – God is not finished with Israel.

VS 19 -20 Four Things to Abstain From

* Idolatry
* Immorality
* From things strangled
* And blood
* What about 10 Commandments?
  + Romans 13:8-10 Love is the fulfillment of the Law.
  + Matthew 22:36-40 Jesus and the Summary of the Law.
  + Galatians 5:14 Law is fulfilled in one word – love neighbor/self.

VS 22-35 The Message is Communicated to Antioch and Received with Great Joy.

VS 36-39 Paul and Barnabas have a fight.

VS 40-42 Paul chooses Silas and begins 2nd Missionary Journey.

**Chapter 16 – 2nd Missionary Journey Begins – City of Philippi**

VS 1-5 Welcome Timothy

VS 6 Forbidden to go to Asia by the Holy Spirit (not self-directed).

VS 9-13 Macedonian Vision

VS 14-15 Lydia, first European convert – baptized and offers hospitality.

VS 16-40 Push back in Philippi

* Slave Girl delivered from the spirit of divination.
* The owners have Paul and Silas arrested and imprisoned.
  + Beaten
  + Placed in the ‘inner’ prison.
  + Securely guarded.
  + Feet placed in stocks.
* Worship and praise in jail.
  + Earthquake and chains loosened.
  + Jailor to kill himself.
  + Paul intervenes.
  + Jailor and household saved.
* Wounds cleaned and food offered at the jailors house.
* We are Roman citizens.
* Regroup at Lydia’s house then depart and continue 2nd Missionary Journey.

MAP of Second Missionary Journey

