

I. THE JERUSALEM RESOLUTION (Acts 15:19-35; 16:4)

A. BINDING DECISION (19; 22,25,28; 16:4; see Dt.17:8f,12; 1Cor.5:3f,13)

B. WRITTEN (20,23,31; see 28; Lk.24:44; Rev.14:13)

C. WITNESSED (22,23 ;25-27; see Dt.19:15)

D. WHOLE CHURCH (22; 23; 16:4,5w/1f,6f; see Col.4:16)

II. THE JERUSALEM DECREES (Acts 15:20-35; 16:4)

A. GENTILES TURNING TO GOD (19; c.10,11; see 1Th.1:9)

B. NOT PESTER (19,24,28; see 10; Judg.14:17; see Col.2:16f,20f; Gal.4:8f)

C. CIRCUMCISION (1,5; see 16:1-3; Gal.2:3; 5:2f; 6:15; Phil.3:2f; Rom.10:3)

D. ESSENTIALS (20,29; 21:25; note order of elements)

1. ABSTAIN, KEEP, GUARD (see 1Th.4:3; 1Pt.2:11; see 1Jn.5:21)

2. IDOLATRY AND ALL ITS CONNECTIONS (see Lev.17&18; 1Cor.6:9-11; 10:7,8(Num.25:1-9);14,20f; 1Pt.4:3,4; 1Th.1:9; 4:3-7; e.g., Antioch, Corinth, etc.; see Rom.14:22)

3. IDOLATRY & IMMORALITY vs. THE LOVE OF GOD (Gen.1,2; Ex.20:1f,6; Mt.5-7; see Mt.22:37; Jn.14:15; 15:10; 1Jn.5:3; see 1Cor.6:18 & 10:14)

4. BLOOD & STRANGLED vs. THE LOVE OF JEWS (20,21; 29; 21:25; Lev.3:17; 17:6,11; Mt.22:39; Rom.13:8f; 14:1f; see Gen.9:4; Heb.10:18)

5. LOVE: THE RIGHT USE OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (19,28; 1Tm.4:1f; 1Cor.10:29,30; see Rom.15:2(c.14,15); 1Cor.9:19-23; 10:23,24,33; 11:21f,33; Gal.2:3-5; 5:1-6; 13f; 19f,22f; Phil.2:1f,5f; Mk.10:45)

6. ESSENTIALS SUMMARY: ABSTAIN IDOLATRY, IMMORALITY & INSOLENTY (20; 28,29)

III. ESSENTIAL DECREES (20; 28,29; see Mt.22:37,39; 1Cor.8-10; Rom.14,15)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)