

1. Were there any extra-biblical rules you should follow in the church where you grew up? What were they?

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Background: The Jerusalem Council was a pivotal event in the early church. It addressed the relationship between Jewish and Gentile believers and established a principle of grace and unity in the faith.

The Dispute over Circumcision Acts 15:1-5

2. Why was the issue of circumcision and the observance of Mosaic Law difficult for Gentile believers within the early church?

The Jerusalem Council Acts 15:6-21

3. What does Peter present as his argument in Acts 15:7-11?

4. How do Barnabas, Paul, and James present their arguments before the council in Acts 15:12-21?

5. How does this decision bring unity to the Jewish and Gentile believers Acts 15:19-21?

The Letter to the Gentile Believers Acts 15:22-35

6. In your opinion, how does this letter communicate the council's decision and promote unity in the early church? Personal Response

7. What can our church learn from the Jerusalem council and their decision-making process? Note - unity, wisdom, guidance of the Holy Spirit. Personal Response

8. How does our church promote unity and inclusiveness among all believers? Personal Response

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