

Lesson 8 : Stretching Your Faith

Genesis 17: 1-27

k. If God is going to do everything to effect this covenant, what is Abraham's responsibility? (verses 9, 11)

l. How does Philippians 2:12 add insight to the human dimension in salvation?

2. Read Acts 15:1-35.

a. What problem surfaced in the church at Antioch? (verse 1)

b. What were Paul and Barnabas appointed to do? (verse 2)

c. What did some of the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem say was necessary for Gentile Christians? (verse 5)

d. What was Peter's argument against the Gentiles needing to be circumcised? (verses 7-9)

e. What did Peter call circumcision? (verse 10)

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- f.** How are both Jews and Gentiles saved? (verse 11)

 - g.** What further evidence did Paul and Barnabas offer to show God had accepted the Gentiles by faith without circumcision? (verse 12)
- 3.** Read Galatians 2:11-21.
- a.** What was the complaint Paul had with Peter's behavior at Antioch?

 - b.** How strongly did Paul feel about the imposition of circumcision and other Jewish traditions on the Gentiles? (verses 11, 14)

 - c.** What was Paul's conclusion? (verses 16, 20)
- 4.** Which came first for Abraham- his justification by faith or his circumcision? (Genesis 15:6; 17:11)
- a.** What is the significance of that order of events?