

“M3- Man, Moment & Movement”

The Birth and Spread of the Church: ACTS

“Faith Alone – PERIOD!”

July 5, 2020 – (30)

Text: Acts 15

“But we believe that we will be *SAVED THROUGH THE GRACE* of the Lord Jesus, just as they will” (Acts 15:11).

“The BLIMP” view (overview) – Moments in time where history hung in the balance.

“The STADIUM” view (needed information and interesting facts) –

- Lesson and needed info: Be leery of the sentiment “*we’ve always done it that way...*”
- Lesson and needed info: Attaching/Velcro-like anything to the singular purity of “faith alone” (*sola fide*) to Christ will....
- Lesson and needed info: God’s Word – the Bible must be....
- Lesson and needed info: Freedom in Christ does NOT....

“The FIELD” view (*LIFE* Execution) –

BE G _____ GIANTS –

LIBERTY IS NOT L _____ –

GOD IS S _____ –

Sermon-Based Study Guide (and personal reflection)

What, if anything do we add to our gospel as we share it?

Please look up the following verses and discuss your findings: Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 7:17-19; Galatians 5:1-6 along with Romans 4:13-16, 8:1-11; Ephesians 2:8-9.

Look back at the repudiation of the Judaizers. Are we not to instruct one another in the faith? SEE 2 Timothy 2:15; Proverbs 8:32-34; Titus 2:15; Hebrews 3:13.

What, if any issues or problems threaten the unity of our church? What are you doing to settle the issue and preserve the unity?

What is our church tempted to add to the conditions for salvation and church membership?

Primary point being reinforced in Acts 15 is “*Faith Alone – PERIOD.*” We are indeed saved by faith alone, BUT...not by a faith that *is* alone. Agree/Disagree? And why?

Helpful Resources:

John MacArthur’s *Sufficiency of Christ*

Joe Aldrich’s *Lifestyle Evangelism*

Tabletalk, 2013 July edition – p.21-28

The SOLAS

Sola scriptura (“by Scripture alone”)
Sola fide (“by faith alone”)
Sola gratia (“by grace alone”)
Solus Christus or Solo Christo (“Christ alone” or “through Christ alone”)
Soli Deo gloria (“glory to God alone”)