

GOSPEL CONTENTION

FAITH & GRACE



LAW & WORKS

Acts of God #52

Sola Fide - Faith Alone
Sola Gratia - Grace Alone

Acts 15:1-12

Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts 15:1

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And when Paul and Barnabas **had great
dissension and debate** with them, the
brethren determined that Paul and
Barnabas and some others of them
should go up to Jerusalem to the
apostles and elders concerning this issue.

Acts 15:2

NASB95

Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

Acts 15:3

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When they arrived at Jerusalem,
they were received by the
church and the apostles and the
elders, and they reported all that
God had done with them.

Acts 15:4

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But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

Acts 15:5

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The apostles and the elders
came together to look into this
matter

Acts 15:6

NASB95

After there had been much debate,
Peter stood up and said to them,
“Brethren, you know that in the early
days God made a choice among you,
that by my mouth the Gentiles would
hear the word of the gospel and believe.

Acts 15:7

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**“And God, who knows the heart,
testified to them giving them the
Holy Spirit, just as He also did to
us;**

Acts 15:8

NASB95

and He made no distinction
between us and them, **cleansing**
their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:9

NASB95

“Now therefore **why do you put
God to the test** by placing upon
the neck of the disciples a **yoke**
which neither our fathers nor we
have been able to bear?

Acts 15:10

NASB95

“But we believe that we are
saved through the grace of the
Lord Jesus, in the same way as
they also are.”

Acts 15:11

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All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:12

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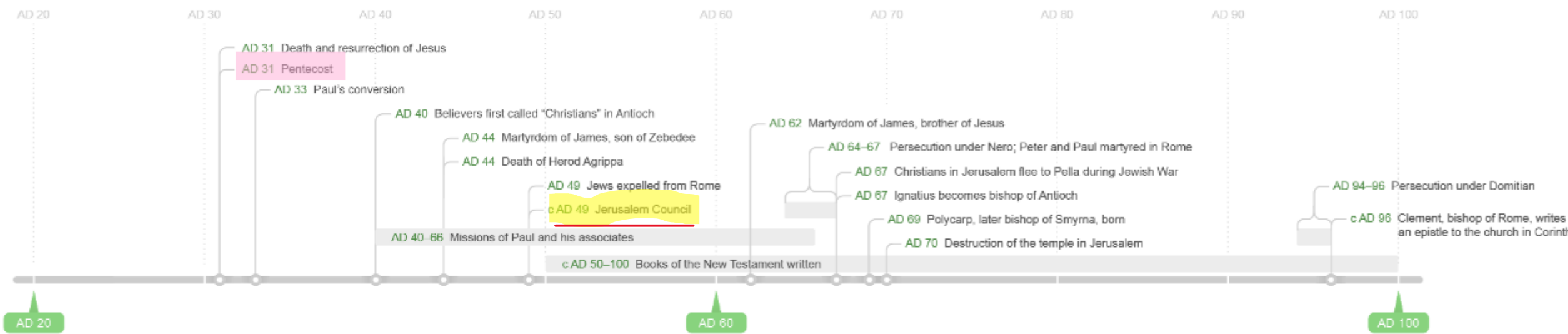
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The Early Church to AD 100



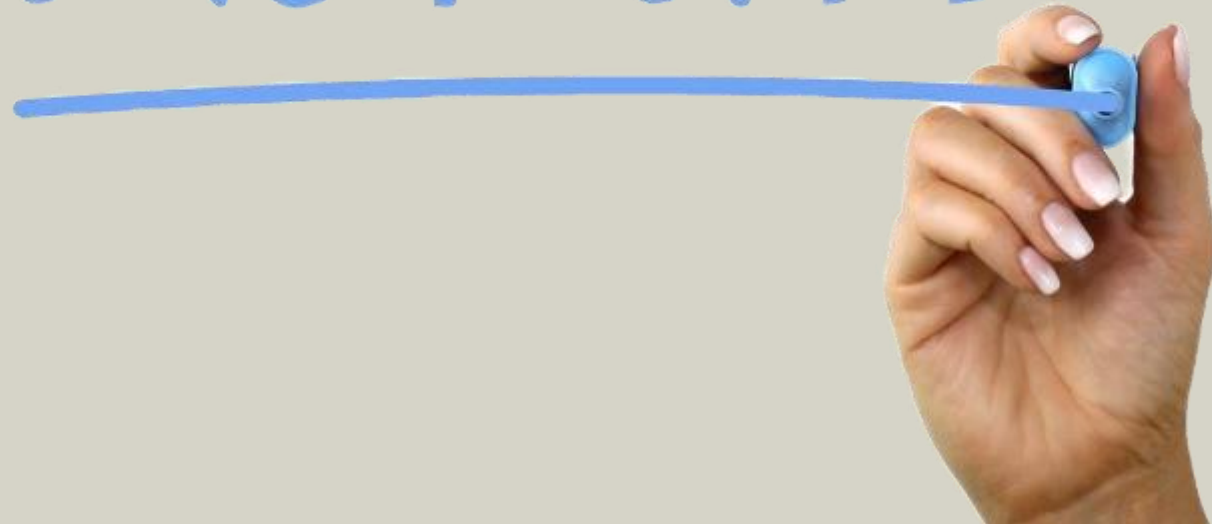
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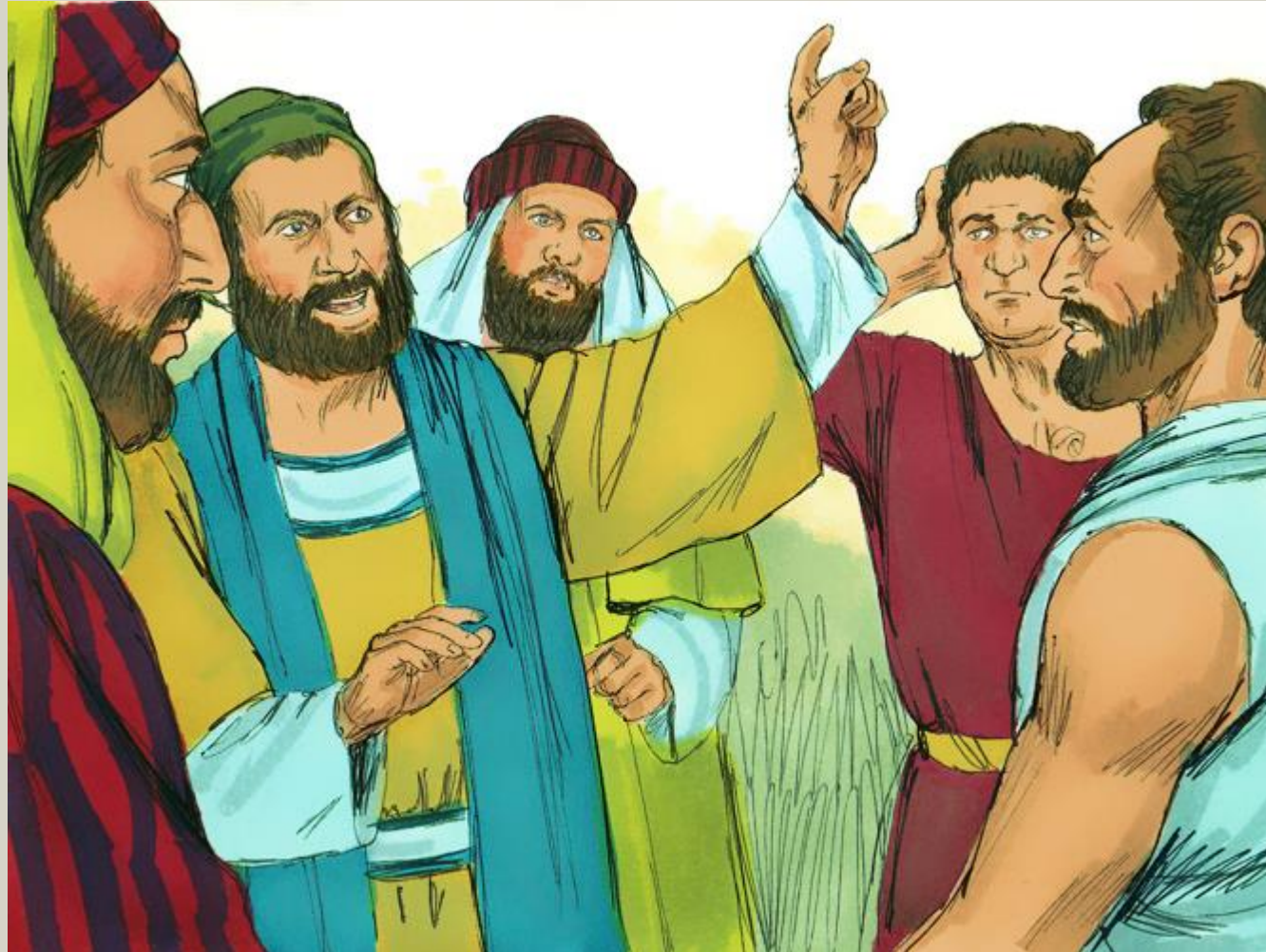


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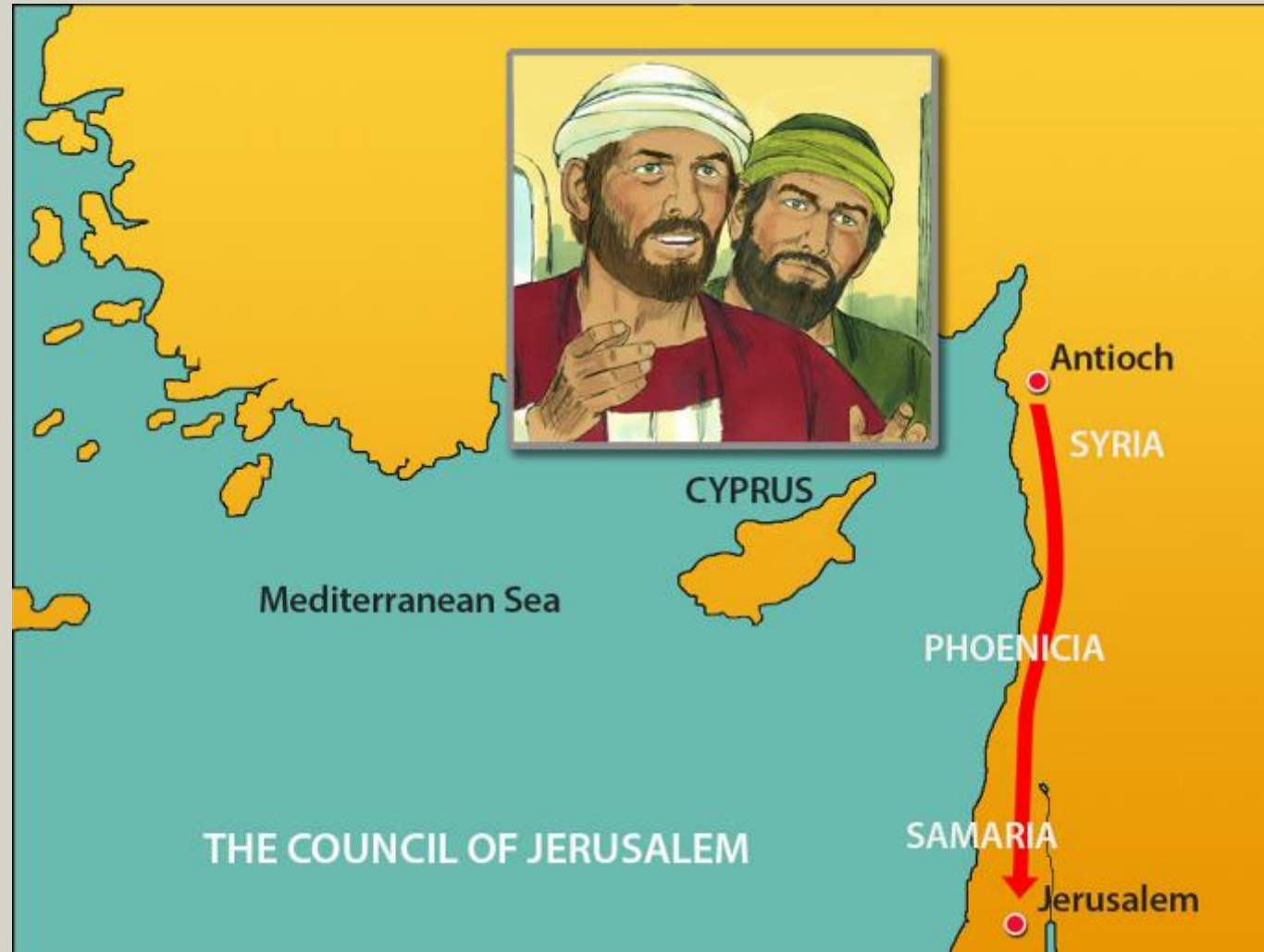
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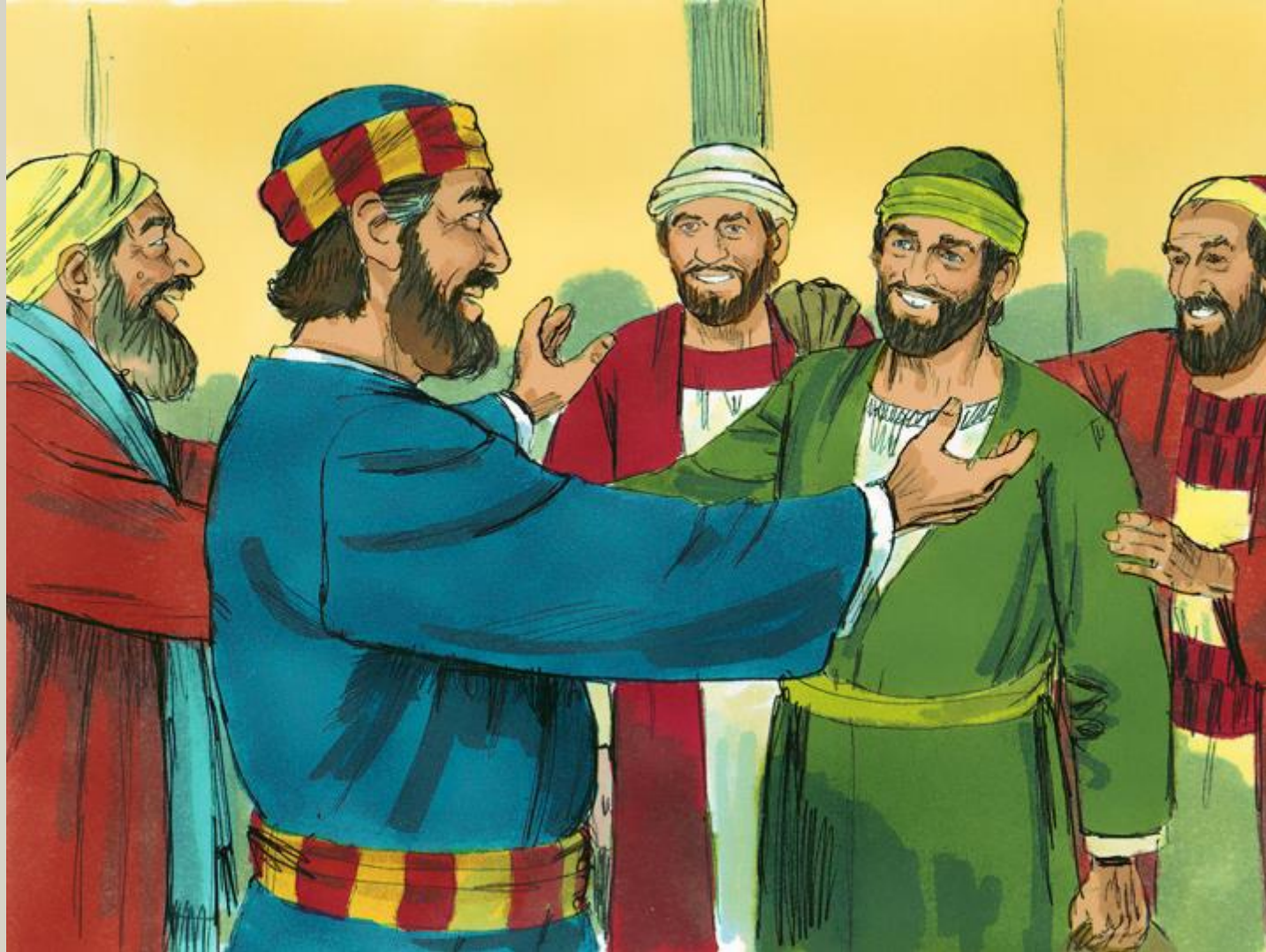
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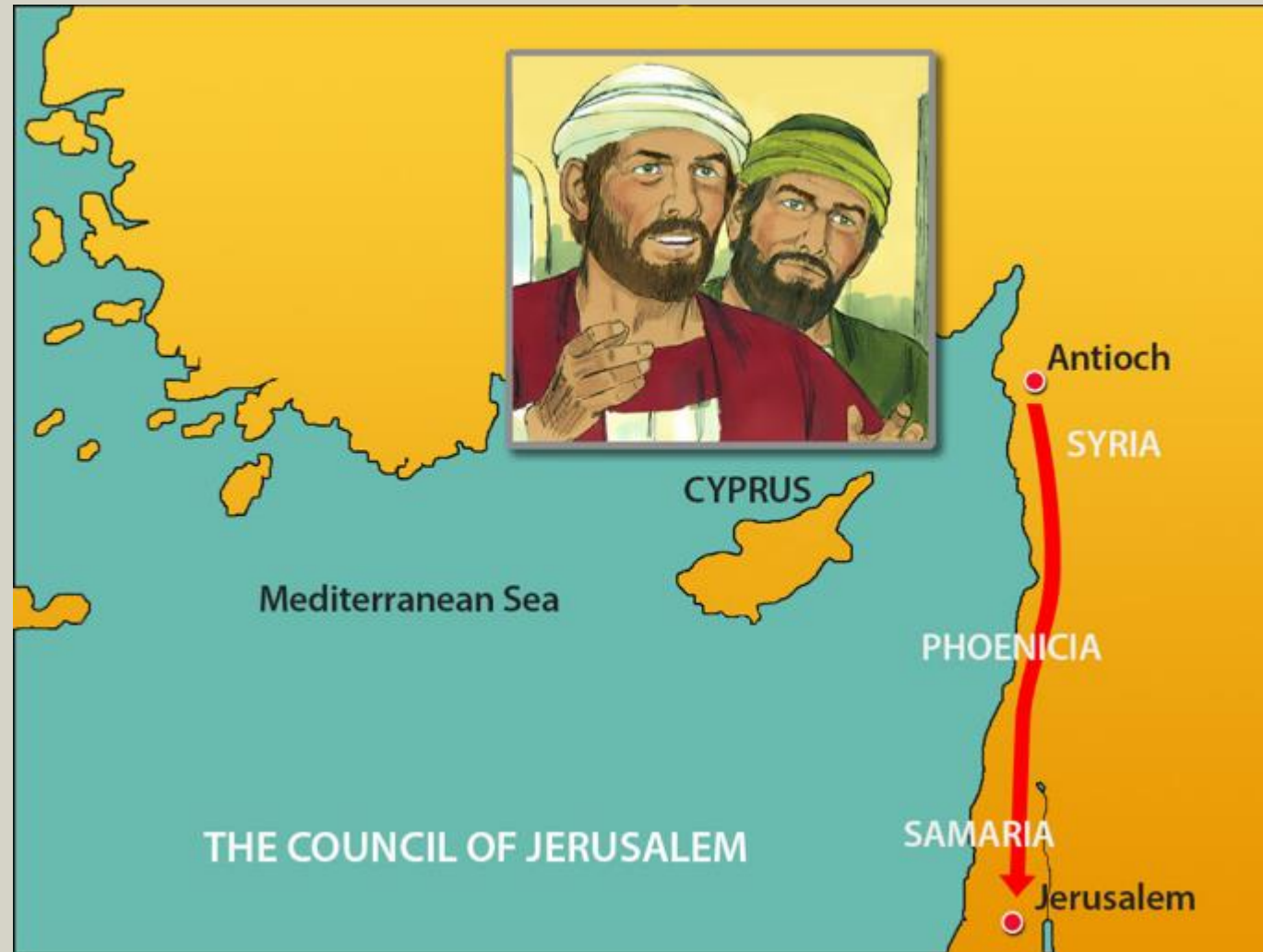
2) Seeking Resolution (2b)



3) Reporting & Joy (3)



2) Deputation (4-6)



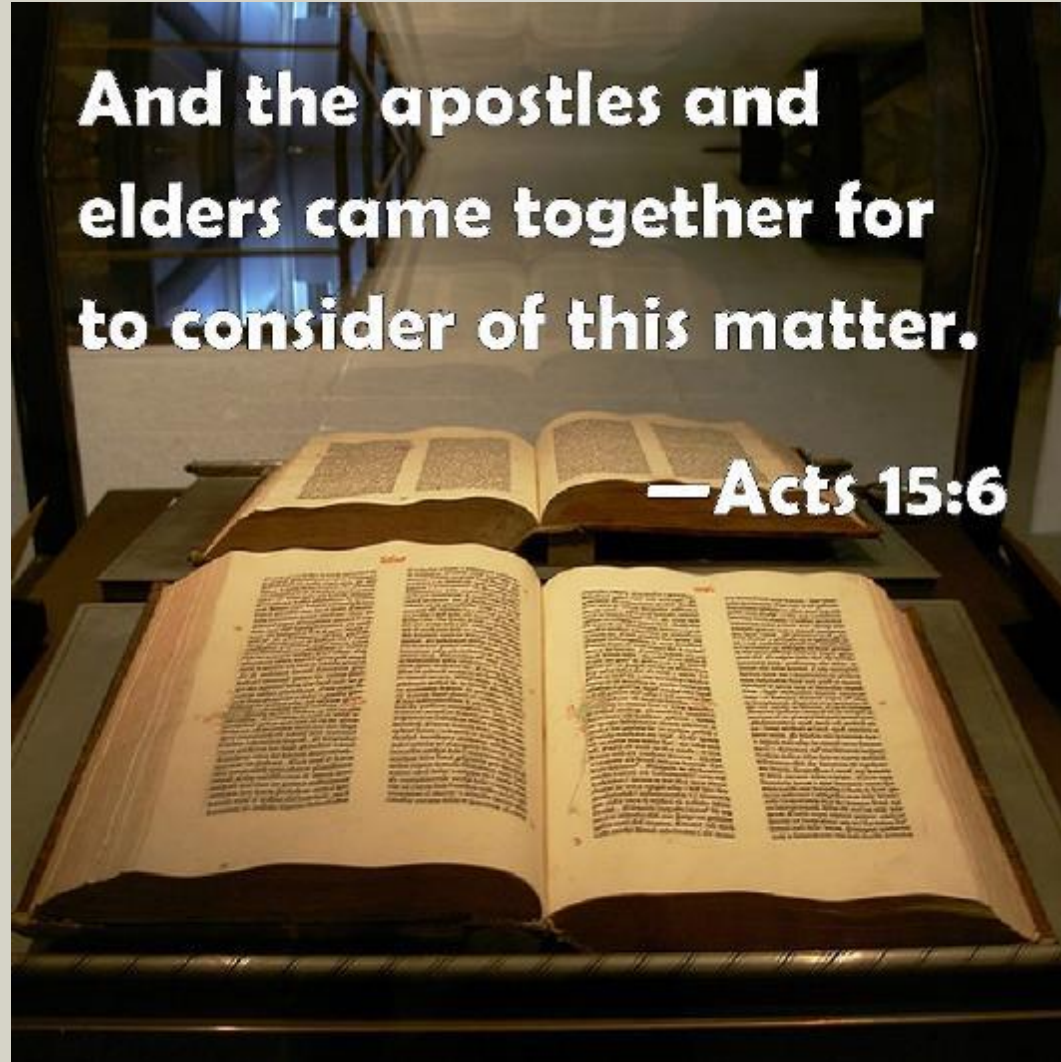
1) Grace + Law (5)



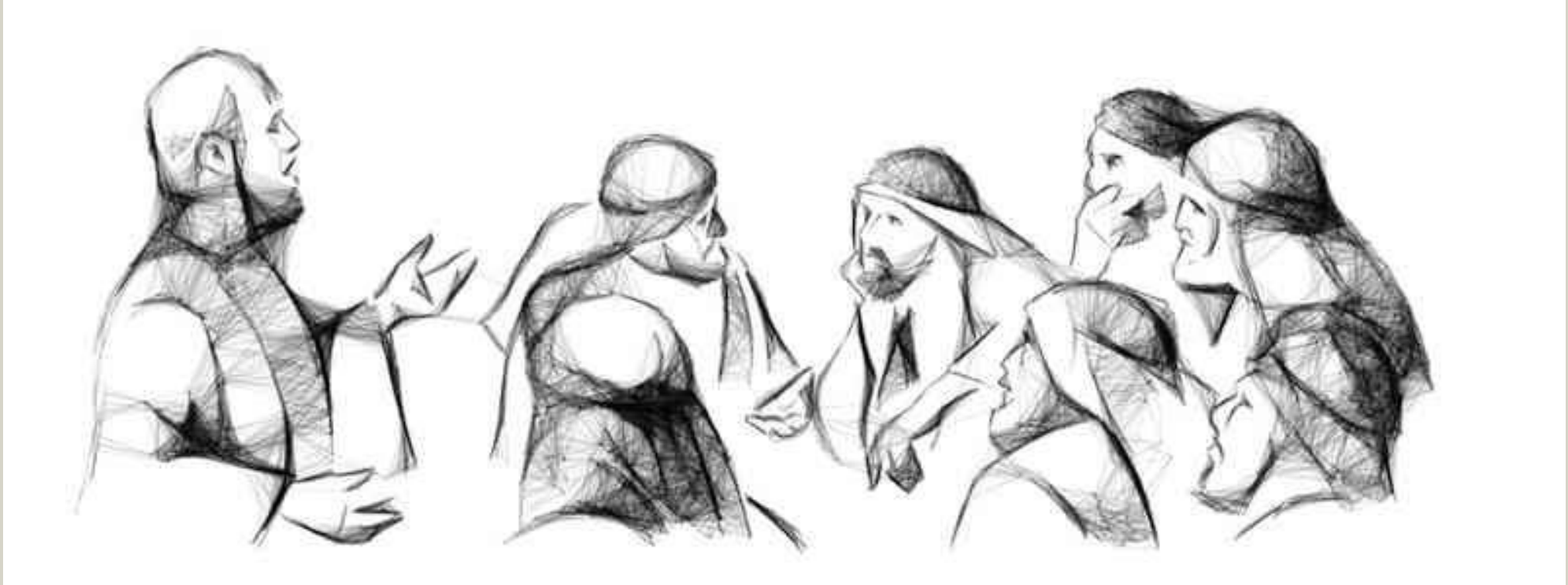
2) Reflection (6)

**And the apostles and
elders came together for
to consider of this matter.**

—Acts 15:6



2. Clarity [7-12]



Acts 15:25 (ESV)

²⁵ it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

a) Defence (7-9)



1) Holy Spirit Evidence (8)

Acts 15 ⁸ God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹ He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.

SEARCH ME

O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART

TEST ME

AND KNOW MY ANXIOUS THOUGHTS

POINT OUT

ANYTHING IN ME THAT OFFENDS YOU

AND LEAD ME

ALONG THE PATH OF EVERLASTING LIFE

PSALM 139:23-24

KLOVE.COM/ENCOURAGING

LET GOD WEIGH ME IN HONEST SCALES

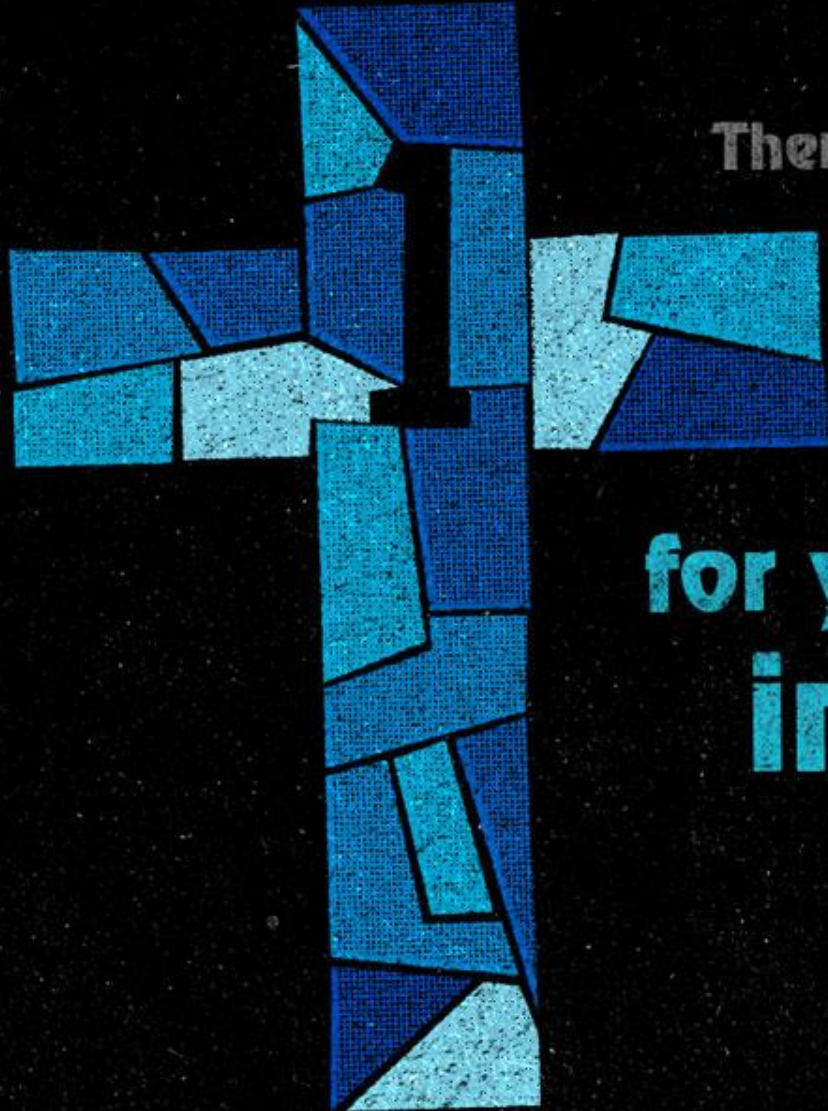


AND HE WILL KNOW THAT I AM BLAMELESS -

2) Saved by Faith (9)

**He did not
discriminate
between us and
them, for he purified
their hearts by faith.**

Acts 15:9



There is neither Jew nor Greek
there is neither slave nor free
there is no male and female

for you are all one
in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:28



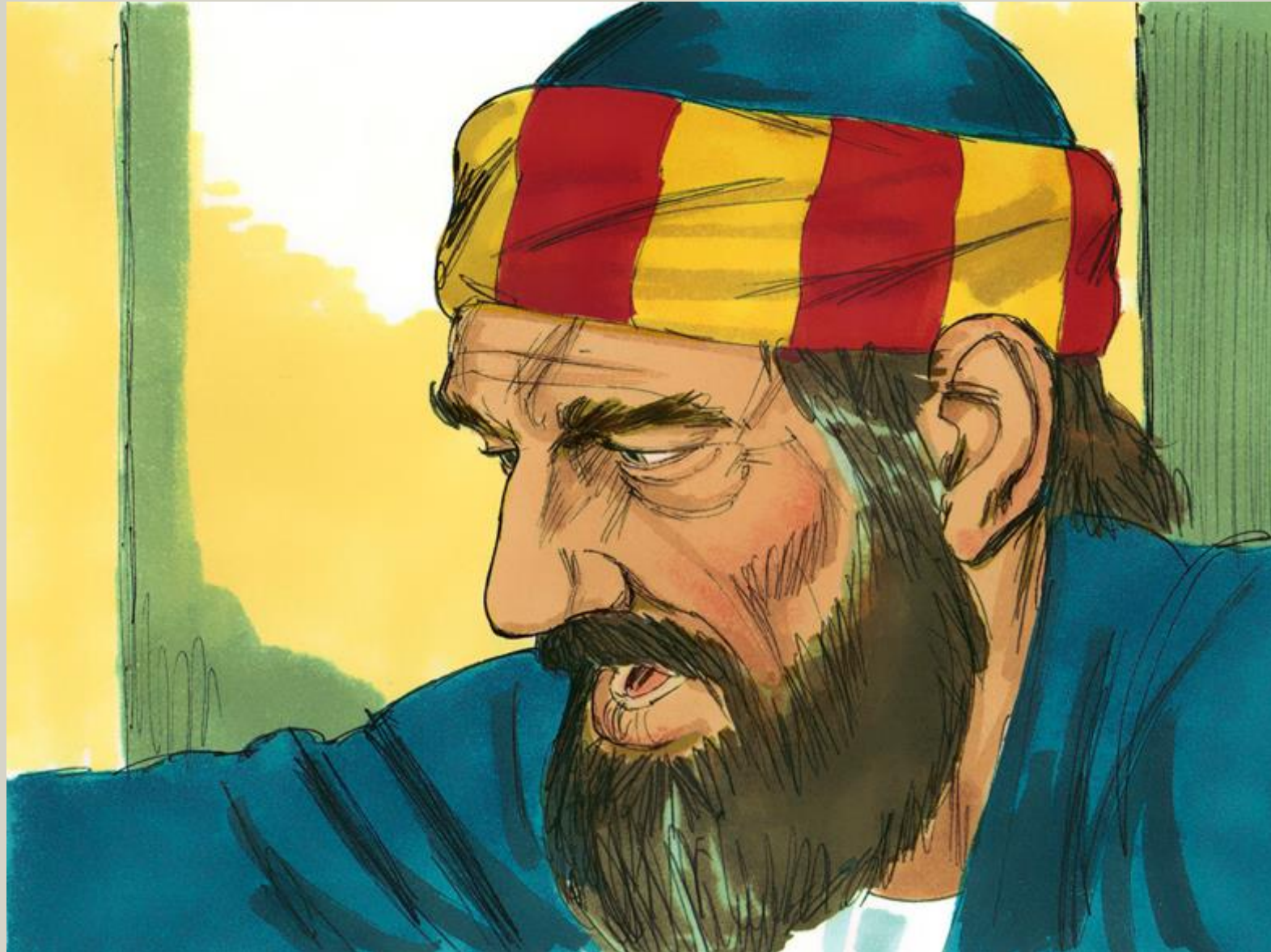
SOLA FIDE:

CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF FAITH
IN THE GIFT OF SALVATION

DAVID GUZIK

#FIVESOLAS

a) Declaration (10-12)



NOW, THEREFORE,
**WHY ARE YOU PUTTING
GOD TO THE TEST**

by placing a yoke on the
neck of the disciples that
neither our fathers nor we
have been able to bear?

ACTS 15:10



For freedom
Christ
has set us
FREE
GALATIANS

5:1

stand firm therefore, and
do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For they bind heavy
burdens and grievous
to be borne, and lay them
on men's shoulders;
but they themselves
will not move them with
one of their fingers.

Matthew 23:4

An illustration of a peaceful landscape. In the center, a red and orange hammock is strung between two trees. The tree on the left has a large, rounded orange canopy, and the tree on the right has a more angular, teal-colored canopy. A blue rope is tied to the branches of both trees to support the hammock. On the ground, which is a mix of green grass and yellowish-brown soil, there are several farming tools: a red pitchfork on the left, a red shovel on the right, and a red rake in the foreground. The background consists of rolling yellow hills under a pale sky.

COME TO ME

ALL WHO LABOR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN
AND I WILL GIVE YOU

REST

MATTHEW 11:28

1) Saved by Grace (11)

Acts 15:11

“But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”





FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH

FAITH

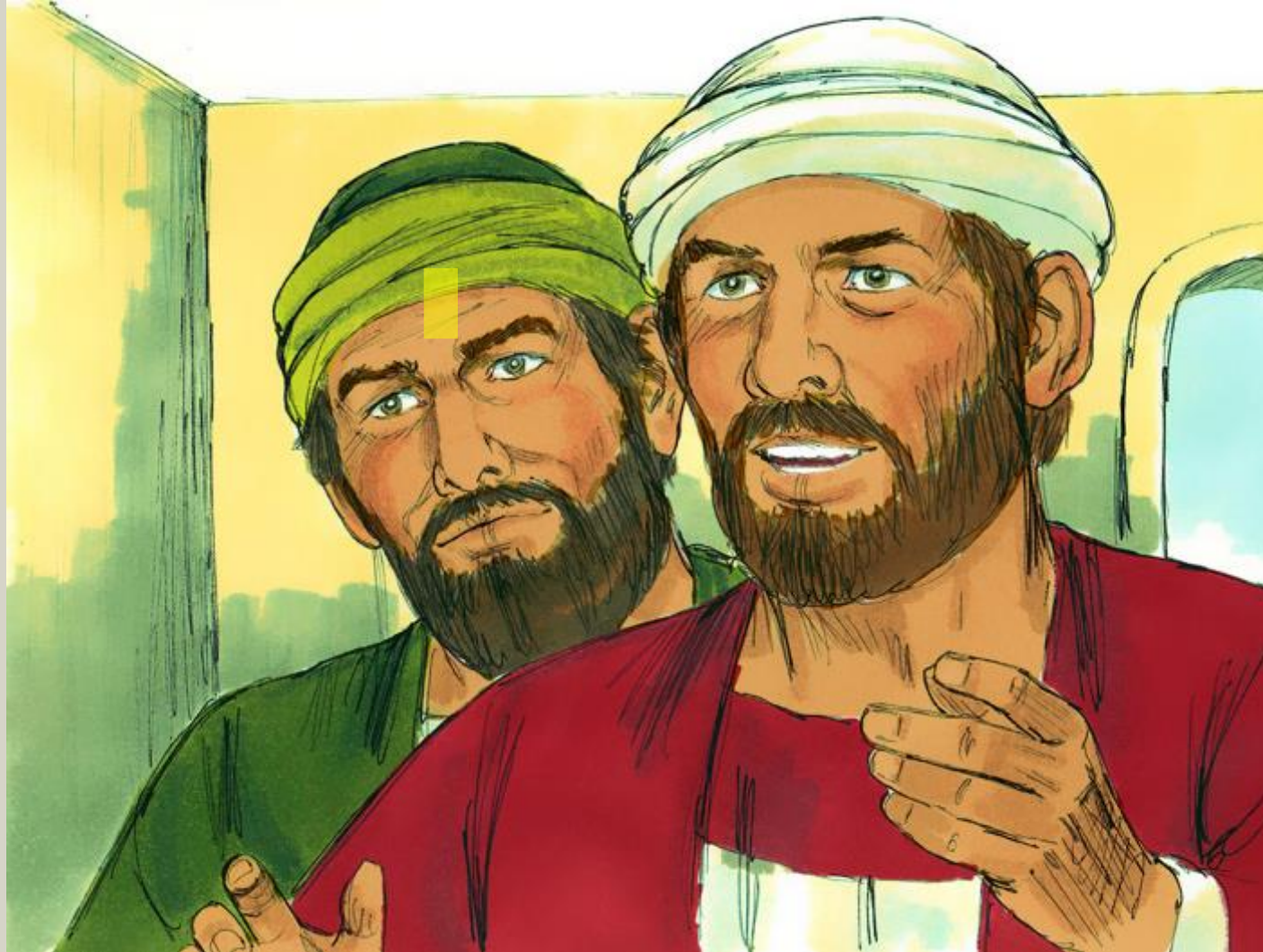
AND THIS IS NOT YOUR DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD
NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

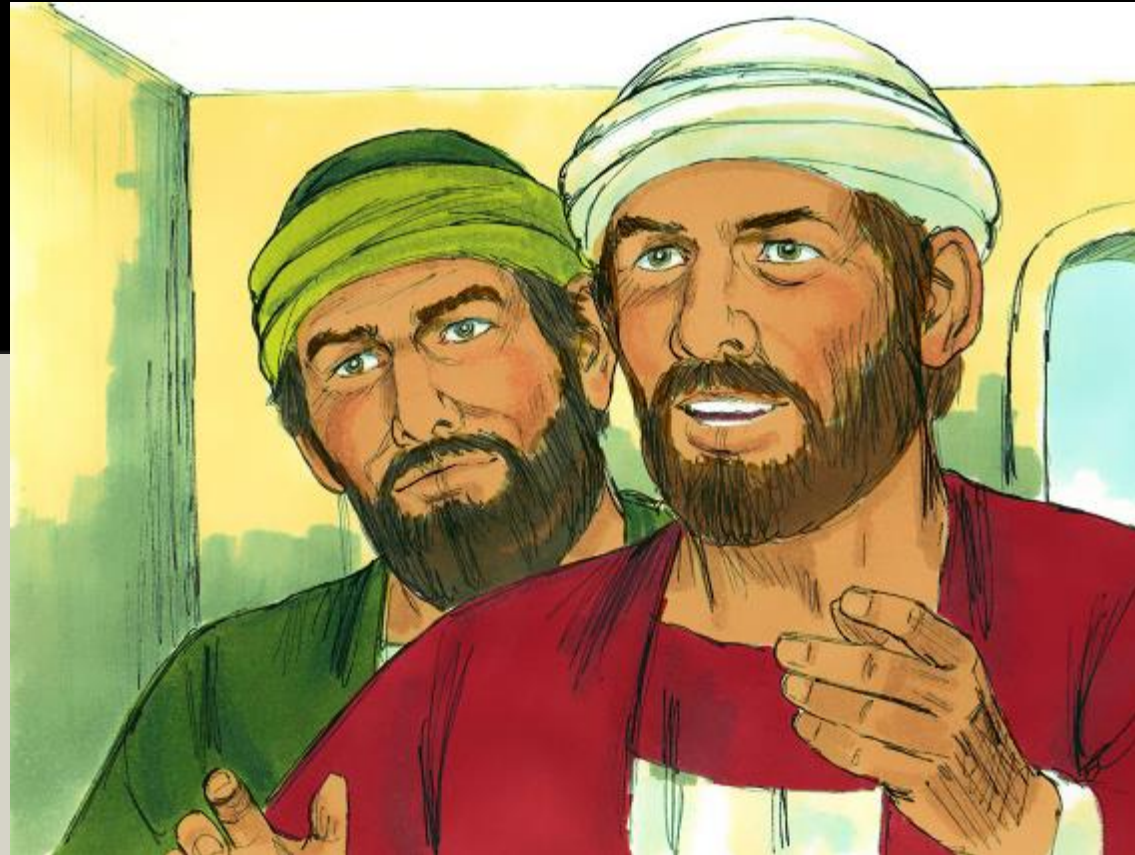
Galatians 3:1-6

¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

2) Apostolic Evidence (12)



Then the **whole** assembly fell **silent** and listened to Barnabas and Paul describing all the **signs** and **wonders** God had done through them among the Gentiles.



Acts 15:12

According to Acts 15:12 the multitude keep silent and listen to Barnabas and Paul as they did what?

They declared how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles

“JESUS PAID THE PRICE WE
COULD NOT PAY, WON THE
BATTLE WE COULD NOT WIN,
AND OBTAINED FROM GOD
THAT WHICH WE COULD
NEVER HAVE DONE...”

