



**Week 2: *Don't Make Things Difficult!***

**Date:** July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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† The turning point of the Jerusalem Council

**The Question:** On what basis does a person receive the Grace of God? Is it through *faith* in Christ, or faith in Christ *plus* Law?

**The Answer:** *"No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we (Jewish believers) are saved, just as they (Gentile Believers) are." Acts 15:11*

† What God had made clear  
*Acts 15:12-14*

† It was God's plan all along  
*Acts 15:15-18*

† Don't make things difficult! *Acts 15:19, Micah 6:8*

† Wait, I'm confused! Is this 'a little law will do ya', or is there something else going on here?

These restrictions are for the purpose of church UNITY. They are not requirements of LAW, they are expressions of LOVE.

† Because we love God and love each other...

- “*Abstain from food offered to Idols*”  
We will remain faithful to God in all things
  
- “*Abstain from sexual immorality*”  
In our worship, we will honor God and value each other
  
- “*Abstain from the meat of strangled animals and blood*”  
We will care about the needs and convictions of others  
*Romans 14:13-15*

† The better hope *Hebrews 7:18-19*

**Next week's message: Revolution/Counter-Revolution, Week 4:**  
*Getting to the New. Acts 15:22-35*