

“Disagreements Will Arise, Even In The Church!”

Acts 15:36-41

Then after some days **Paul** said to **Barnabas**, *“Let Us now go back and visit our Brethren in Every City where we have Preached the Word of the Lord, and see how They are doing.”* Now **Barnabas** was determined to take with them **John** called **Mark**. But **Paul** insisted that they should not take with **Them** the **One** (**John Mark**) **Who** had departed from them in **Pamphylia**, and had not gone with **Them** to the **Work**. Then the **Contention** became so sharp that **They** (**Paul & Barnabas**) parted from **One Another**. And so, **Barnabas** took (**John**) **Mark** and sailed to **Cyprus** (**Strengthening** the **Churches**); but **Paul** chose **Silas** (**Silvanus**) and departed, being (**Both**) **Commended by the Brethren** to the **Grace of God**. And **He** (**Paul**) went through **Syria** and **Cilicia**, **Strengthening** the **Churches**. **Acts 15:36-41 (NKJV)**

Q

“Why Do Disagreements Arise Among God’s Chosen People In The Church?”

A

**There Are At Least 3# Reasons Ranging From
Mere Human Frailty/Fallenness To Willful Arrogance & Pride**

A1

**Not Everyone Who Attends The Church Is Saved & Redeemed By Jesus Christ,
Nor Do They Call Him Their Lord & Savior!**

A2

**Not Everyone Who Is Saved & Redeemed
Has Made Jesus Christ Their Only Lord & Master!
Nor Have They Let The Holy Spirit Have Complete Control Over Their Wills & Lives!**

A3

**Not Everyone Who Is Saved, Redeemed, & Seeking Holiness of Heart, Mind, & Soul,
Acts At All Times In Complete Obedience To The Holy Spirit’s Vision & Will For Their Lives!**

Q

***“What Is The Context Of This Disagreement
In The Church In Antioch On The Orontes?”***

A

**Defining & Setting The Church’s Next Missionary Plans For The Future
...Then after some days **Paul** said to **Barnabas**, *“Let Us now go back and visit our Brethren in Every City where we have Preached the Word of the Lord, and see how They are doing.” ...***

Acts 15:36

Q

***“What Is The State Of Paul & Barnabas’s Condition Before The Holy Spirit
When This Disagreement Arises Between Them?”***

A1

**They Are Both Saved, Redeemed
& Have Set Jesus Christ As Their Personal Lord & Master!
They Are Both Actively Searching After The Holy Spirit’s Vision & Will,
In Their Lives & In The Life Of His Church!**

A2

**However, They Are Still Human, And Suffer From
Mere Human Frailty, Fallenness Of Mind & Will, & Pride, From Time To Time!
These Still Need Correction & Surrendering Again & Again Each Day To God Alone!**

Q

“What Was The Exact Disagreement Between Paul & Barnabas?”

A

Who Exactly To Take With Them On Their Next Journey?

... Now **Barnabas** was determined to take with them **John called Mark**. But **Paul** insisted that they should not take with **Them** the **One (John Mark)** **Who** had departed from them in **Pamphylia**, and had not gone with **Them** to the **Work** ... **Acts 15:37-38**

CQ1

“What Was Likely Going Through Barnabas’ Heart & Mind?”

A1

“John Mark Is My Cousin – He Is Family!”

A2

“My Understanding Of Jesus Christ Is First & Foremost

A God Of Grace, Mercy, & Second Chances!

He Has Created Me Above All Else In My Spirit,

‘A Son Of His Encouragement!’”

And **Joses**, Who was also Named **Barnabas** by the **Apostles** (Which is Translated *‘Son of Encouragement’*), a Levite of the Country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the **Apostles’ Feet** ... **Acts 4:36-37**

Then news of these things came to the ears of the **Church in Jerusalem**, and they sent out **Barnabas** to go as far as **Antioch (On The Orontes)**. When **He (Barnabas)** came and had seen the Grace of God, **He** was **Glad**, and **Encouraged Them All (New Believers)** that with Purpose of Heart (True Inner Intention) **They** should Continue with the **Lord**. For **He (Barnabas)** was a **Good Man, Full of the Holy Spirit** and of **Faith**. And a **Great Many People** were Added to the **Lord**. **Acts 11:22-24**

CQ2

“What Was Likely Going Through Paul’s Heart & Mind?”

A1

“John Mark Failed God & Us In His Last Mission!”

A2

“Not Everyone Has A Calling & A Commission To Be Ordained /

Set Apart As A Shepherd / Evangelist / & Missionary For God’s Use Alone!”

Q

“How Deep Was The Disagreement At The Moment?”

A

Very Deep!

... Then the **Contention** became **so sharp** that **They (Paul & Barnabas)** parted from **One Another**. **Acts 15:39a**

Q

“Who Did Barnabas Chose To Take Along & Where Did He Decide To Go First?”

A

John Mark & On To Cyprus

... And so, **Barnabas** took **(John) Mark** and sailed to **Cyprus (Strengthening the Churches)**. **Acts 15:39b**

Q

“Who Did Paul Chose To Take Along & Where Did He Decide To Go First?”

A

Silas (Silvanus) & On To Syria & Cilicia

... But Paul chose Silas (Silvanus) and departed ... And He (Paul) went through Syria and Cilicia, Strengthening the Churches. Acts 15:40a & 41

Q

*“In What Standing Before God & Man,
Were Both Paul & Barnabas Both Sent Out By The Church in Antioch?”*

A

Commended & Sent In The Grace Of God
... Being (Both) Commended by the Brethren (Whole Church Of Antioch) to the Grace of God ... Acts 15:40b

Q

*“Was This Disagreement of 49-50 A.D.
Ever Resolved Between Paul & Barnabas?”*

A

YES – Certainly By 53-54 A.D.
Paul & Barnabas Are Mentioned Together In Ministry To The Corinthians
& Recorded In 1st Corinthians Chapter 9 (Specifically Verse 6)

Q

*“Is There Really Any True Biblical Evidence
That This Disagreement Was Ever Fully Resolved?”*

Biblical Evidence

Paul Later, Affirms & Commends Many Times, Both John Mark & Silas (Silvanus),
To All The Churches & Believers In Jesus Christ Our Lord

Evidence – (John) Mark 60 – 61 A.D.

Paul To The Church In Colossae, *“Tychicus, a Beloved Brother, Faithful Minister, and Fellow Servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about Me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with Onesimus, a Faithful and Beloved Brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. Aristarchus My Fellow Prisoner greets you, with (John) Mark the Cousin of Barnabas (about Whom you received instructions: if He comes to you, Welcome Him), and Jesus Who is called Justus. These (Five Men) are My Only Fellow Workers for the Kingdom of God Who are of the Circumcision (Jewish Converts To Christianity); They Have Proved to be a Comfort to Me.”* Colossians 4:7-11

Evidence – (John) Mark 60 – 61 A.D.

Paul To Philemon, *“Epaphras, My Fellow Prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets You (Philemon), as do (John) Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, My Fellow Laborers. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with Your Spirit. Amen!”* Philemon 1:23-25

Evidence – (John) Mark 64 – 65 A.D.

Paul To Timothy, *“Be Diligent (Timothy) to come to Me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica, Crescens (departed) for Galatia, Titus (departed) for Dalmatia. Only Luke is with Me. Get (John) Mark and bring Him with You (Timothy), for He (John Mark) is Useful to Me for Ministry!”* 2nd Timothy 4:9-11

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 49 – 50 A.D.

Luke Writes, Now Judas and Silas, Themselves being Prophets also, [Confirmed] ¹ Exhorted ² and Strengthened ³ the Brethren with many Words (Preaching ⁴ & Teaching ⁵). Acts 15:32

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 51 A.D.

Luke Continues, But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed ...

... And the **Keeper of the Prison**, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But **Paul** called with a loud voice, saying, *“Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!”* Then **He (Keeper of the Prison)** called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before **Paul and Silas**. And **He** brought them out and said, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* So, **They (Paul & Silas)** said, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and You will be saved, You and Your Household!”* Then **They (Paul & Silas)** **Spoke (Rhema)** the **Word of the Lord** to **Him** and to **All Who were in His House**. And **He (Keeper of the Prison)** took **Them** the same hour of the night and washed Their stripes. And immediately **He and All His Family were baptized**. Acts 16:25-33

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 51 A.D.

Luke Records, Now when **They (Paul & Silas)** had passed through **Amphipolis** and **Apollonia**, **They** came to **Thessalonica**, where there was a **Synagogue of the Jews**. Then **Paul**, as his custom was, went in to **Them**, and for **Three Sabbaths** reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and **Saying (Rhema)**, *“This Jesus Whom I Preach to You is the Christ!”* And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined **Paul and Silas**. Acts 17:1-4

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 51 A.D.

Luke Concludes, Then the **Brethren (Church)** immediately Sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When **They** arrived, **They** went into the **Synagogue of the Jews**. **These (Bereans)** were more fair-minded than those in **Thessalonica**, in that **They** received the Word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore, many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. Acts 17:10-12

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 51 & 52 A.D.

Paul Twice Greets The Church In Thessalonica,

*“Paul, Silvanus, & Timothy, To the **Church of the Thessalonians** in God (**The / Our**) **Father & the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to You & Peace from God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ!**”*

1st Thessalonians 1:1 & 2nd Thessalonians 1:1-2

Evidence – Silas (Silvanus) 62 – 63 A.D.

Peter Greets Us This Morning, *“Peter, an **Apostle of Jesus Christ**, To the **Pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia**, **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in Sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to You and Peace be Multiplied.**”* 1st Peter 1:1-2

Peter Says His Farewell To Us, *“By (**written by the hand of**) **Silvanus**, **Our Faithful Brother** as I (**Peter**) consider **Him (Silas)**, I (**Peter**) **have written** to **You** briefly, **exhorting and testifying that this is the True Grace of God in which You (now) stand**. **She (Church) Who is in Babylon, Elect Together (Disciples) with You, greets You; and so, does (John) Mark My Son. Greet One Another with a Kiss of Love. Peace to You All Who are in Christ Jesus. Amen!**”* 1st Peter 5:12-14

“Let Us His Holy People, His Church,

Continue To Gather Together Faithfully, & Through Much:

Prayer, Perseverance, Patience, Forbearance, Grace, Forgiveness, & Mercy,

Remain Standing Side-By-Side In Unity For The Sake Of The Name Of Jesus Christ Our Lord,

So, We May Complete His Divine Will & Mission, That He Has Commissioned Us With,

To Seek, Serve, & Save His Lost Children!”