

**“Official Church Doctrine Is Vital
For Correction & Righteousness!”**

Acts 15:22-29

Then it pleased the **Apostles, Elders, and the Whole Church**, to **Send Chosen Men** of **Their Own Company** to **Antioch** with **Paul** and **Barnabas**, namely, **Judas** who was also named **Barsabbas**, and **Silas (Silvanus)**, **Leading Men (Elders)** among the **Brethren (Who Were Former Pharisaical Jewish Converts)**. **They (Scribes Of The Church Council) Wrote** this **Letter** by **Them (Whole Church Council)**: **“The Apostles, Elders, and the Brethren, To the Brethren Who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.** **“Since We (Whole Church Council) have heard that Some Who Went Out from Us (‘Judiazers’) have troubled You (Gentile Converts To Christianity) with words, unsettling Your Souls, saying, ‘You must be circumcised and keep the law’; to Whom We gave no such commandment. It seemed good to Us (Whole Church Council), being Assembled with One Accord, to **Send Chosen Men** to **You (The Gentile Church of Antioch On The Orontes)** with our beloved **Barnabas** and **Paul, Men Who have risked their lives for the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** **We (Whole Church Council) have therefore also Sent Judas and Silas, Who will also Report the Same Things by Word of Mouth.** For it seemed **Good to the Holy Spirit, and to Us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:** ⁽⁴⁾ **‘That You (Our Fellow Brothers In Christ) abstain from things offered to idols,¹ from blood,² from things strangled,³ and from sexual immorality.⁴ If You keep yourselves from these, You will do well. Farewell!’** **Acts 15:22-29 (NKJV)****

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**“What Did The Whole Jerusalem Church Council Do Once
They Had Come To A Unified Decision Considering The New Christina Faith?”**

A

The Entire Church Council **Sent An Official Church Letter (Theological Encyclical)**
To All The Gentile Churches Starting With The Large Church
In **Antioch On The Orontes** In Care Of **Paul & Barnabas**,
As Well As **Two Other Former Pharisaical Jewish Converts [Judas (Barsabbas) & Silas (Silvanus)]**
Who Also Agreed Wholeheartedly With The Unified Divine & Human Decisions Of The Church
... Then it pleased the **Apostles, Elders, and the Whole Church**, to **Send Chosen Men** of **Their Own Company** to **Antioch** with **Paul** and **Barnabas**, namely, **Judas** who was also named **Barsabbas**, and **Silas (Silvanus)**, **Leading Men (Elders)** among the **Brethren (Who Were Former Pharisaical Jewish Converts)**. **Acts 15:22**

Q

“Who Is Judas Barsabbas & Is He Mentioned Any Other Place In The Scriptures?”

A1

Judas Barsabbas Is Called An Elder & Prophet In The Church (Acts 15:22 & 32)

A2

**Judas Barsabbas Is Most Probably The Brother Of Joseph Barsabbas (Acts 1:23),
The Man Not Chosen To Replace Judas Iscariot In The Rolling Of The Lot (Urim & Thummim)**

A3

Judas Barsabbas Is Never Mentioned Again In The Scriptures

Q

“Who Is Silas (Silvanus) & Is He Mentioned Any Other Place In The Scriptures?”

A1

Silas (Silvanus) Is Called An Elder & Prophet In The Church (Acts 15:22 & 32)

A2

Silas (Silvanus) Is Mentioned As A Companion Of Paul & Timothy At Least Three Times
2nd Corinthians 1:19, 1st Thessalonians 1:1, & 2nd Thessalonians 1:1

A3

Silas (Silvanus) Is Mentioned As A Companion Of Peter At Least One Time
1st Peter 5:12

This Official Church Theological Encyclical Is Written Down & Delivered To The Gentile Churches Of Paul's 1st Missionary Journey Through The Main Church In Antioch On The Orontes ... They (Scribes Of The Church Council) Wrote this Letter by Them (Whole Church Council): "The Apostles, Elders, and the Brethren, To the Brethren Who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings" ... Acts 15:23

This Official Church Theological Encyclical States

The Problem Presented To & Decided Upon By The Whole Church Council

... "Since We (Whole Church Council) have heard that Some Who Went Out from Us ('Judiazers') have troubled You (Gentile Converts To Christianity) with words, unsettling Your Souls, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law'; to Whom We gave no such commandment" ... Acts 15:24

This Official Church Theological Encyclical States The Unity In The Holy Spirit

& The Divine Decision Placed Into The Authoritative Hand Of Its Delivers Paul & Barnabas

... "It seemed good to Us (Whole Church Council), being Assembled with One Accord, to Send Chosen Men to You (The Gentile Church of Antioch On The Orontes) with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men Who have risked their lives for the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ." ...

Acts 15:25-26

This Official Church Theological Encyclical States The Unity In The Holy Spirit

& The Divine Decision Placed Into The Authoritative Confirmation
Of Two Former Pharisical Jewish Converts – Judas & Silas

... "We (Whole Church Council) have therefore also Sent Judas and Silas, Who will also Report the Same Things by Word of Mouth." ... Acts 15:27

This Official Church Theological Encyclical States The Holy Spirit's Divine Decision

Confirmed By The Unified & Unanimous Church Council Of Apostles & Elders

... "For it seemed Good to the Holy Spirit, and to Us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ⁽⁴⁾ 'That You (Our Fellow Brothers In Christ) abstain from things offered to idols,¹ from blood,² from things strangled,³ and from sexual immorality.⁴ If You keep yourselves from these, You will do well." ... Acts 15:28-29ab

This Official Church Theological Encyclical Ends

With A Farewell To The Brothers In Antioch

... "Farewell!" ... Acts 15:29c

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"Is This Final Divine Decision & Human Confirmation
Listed Anywhere Else In Scripture?"

A - Yes!

Jesus Said (Rhema) To John The Apostle, "And to the Angel of the Church in Pergamos Write (Logos), 'These things says He Who has the sharp two-edged sword: I know Your Works, and where You dwell, where Satan's Throne is. And You hold fast to My Name, and did not deny My Faith even in the days in which Antipas was My Faithful Martyr, Who was killed among you, where Satan Dwells. But I have a few things against you because You have those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the Children of Israel, ... to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality." Revelation 2:12-14

Jesus Said (Rhema) To John The Apostle, “And to the **Angel of the Church in Thyatira Write (Logos)**, ‘These things says the **Son of God, Who has Eyes like a flame of fire, and His Feet like fine brass: I know Your Works, Love, Service, Faith, and Your Patience;** and as for **Your Works**, the last are more than the first. Nevertheless, **I have a few things against you, because you allow that Woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My Servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.** And I gave Her time to Repent of **her sexual immorality, and She did not repent.** Indeed, **I will cast Her into a sickbed, and Those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless They Repent of Their Deeds. I will Kill Her Children with Death, and All the Churches shall know that I AM He Who Searches The Minds And Hearts.**” And I will give to each one of **You According to Your Works.** Now to You (My True Church) I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, **as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as They (Unified Christian Church Doctrinal Council) say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what You have till I come.**” (“If You **keep yourselves from these, You will do well!**” Acts 15:29ab) Revelation 2:18-25

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“So, How Important Is God’s Divine Will Passed Down To Us From Holy Scriptures & Official Orthodox Christian Church Teaching?”

A

According To Jesus Christ The Lord, Son of God & Son Of Man,
They Will Determine Eternal Life Both Now & At The Final Judgement!
Five Major Conclusions & Take Homes From Scripture & Today’s Teaching

- 1) Official Church Doctrine Alongside Holy Scripture
Is Helpful To Living In Unity With God’s Spirit
Through True Repentance Of Heart, Mind, & Soul.
& Being Totally Surrendered To God’s Will In This Life**
- 2) Official Church Doctrine Alongside Holy Scripture
Is Vital For Correction In This Earthly Life
& In Seeking & Finding Righteousness By Living In Holiness
With The Help Of The Indwelling Holy Spirit Of God**
- 3) Official Church Doctrine Alongside Holy Scripture
Is Necessary To Being An Effective & Obedient Witness
Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ To Others,
By Preaching & Teaching The Whole Truth Of God**
- 4) Official Church Doctrine Alongside Holy Scripture
Is Critical For Correction Of Apostate Churches
Who Teach Heresy & False Humanistic Or Satanic Doctrines
Leading Astray Others From The True Faith In Jesus Christ Alone**
- 5) Official Church Doctrine Alongside Holy Scripture
Is Absolutely The Final Authority In Accessing & Weighing
Each Person’s Works In The Flesh
At The Final Judgement Of The Living & The Dead**

**“Let Us Jesus Christ’s True Followers Hold Fast To His Word (Logos) & Will (Rhema)
Found In The Holy Scriptures & Taught By His Holy Orthodox Church
Since The Time Of His Ascension!**

**Let Us Continue To Make New Believers By Preaching & Teaching
The Whole Of His Gospel & Doctrinal Truth,
Until He Returns In Glory For His Beloved Bride!”**