

Grace Goes to Court: The Verdict

Acts 15:13-35

A text full of emotion

Review (1-12)

Find wise, biblically grounded help (13)

James replied ...

God's had this in the works for a long time. (14-18)

Amos 9:11-12

Recommendation. (19-21)

my judgment

do not trouble

4 specifics

The point behind them

Compromise, capitulation, something else?

Syncretism – then and now

things polluted by idols

sexual immorality

things strangled

blood

Summary

Conclusion

Lessons for the 21st Century

Encumbering the gospel still lays a **burden** on people God did not intend for them to bear.

When you have a conflict, work it through, clearly communicate results & watch **God** work. (22-35)

There is no problem with convictions as long as they are **surrendered** to the Spirit.

When God works in the midst of conflict, it results in shared **joy** and new ministry

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