

Title: Grace is the Final Answer

Passage: Acts 15:1-33

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The Trailhead:

Have you ever been given an unexpected gift out of the blue? What was the gift, and what was the reason you were given it?

Discussion:

v.1-5

Some early Jewish believers, as seen in this passage, mistakenly believed that circumcision and the Old Covenant were a requirement for salvation. What traditions or customs does our current day American church tend to over-emphasize? Why do these things clash with Biblical salvation? What are some differences in the ways Peter, Paul, and James describe Grace?

v.6-21

What is the relationship between the Grace that is extended to us as believers, and the good works that we are to display? How has God displayed His grace for mankind? How can we display grace in our dealings with one another?

v.22-29

What kind of steps do we see these early church fathers take to promote unity in the body? What personal sacrifices can you make to promote unity in our church? How do these ideas of unity and sacrifice tie in to the conversation about Grace?