**Visitor Information** 

Thanks for joining us today!

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NOTES Series: To Be Continued ... Sermon: The First Church Council Acts 15:1-35 (p. 1023)



# August 28, 2022

The theological question addressed in Acts 15 was not a small one. God had revealed Himself to the Jews and gave them the Law, and this God also sent Jesus (a Jewish man) into the world to save people. So, shouldn't these new Gentile (non-Jewish) followers of Jesus be required to obey the Law and join the Old Testament covenantal people through circumcision? Of course, this is a big ask, and add on to this, is giving up bacon.

This chapter is one of the benchmark moments, not just in Acts, but in all of church history. On one hand, it was important to stay faithful to the Scriptures. On the other hand, Paul and Barnabas's mission led to the conversion of a large number of people from the nations believing in Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit without circumcision and adherence to the Law. The Apostles and Elders of the early church, including Paul, Barnabas, and James the brother of Jesus, come together to wrestle with this question through the lens of Scripture and, with the help of the Spirit, come to a settled position. In this instance, the great doctrine that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus alone wins the day. But this story also gave the church a model to follow for centuries as it had to deal with multiple theological questions and even heresies.

This morning we will look at an event called the First Church Council and we will find that the core doctrines of our faith are very important.

We are so glad you chose Genesis to celebrate Jesus this morning and we pray that God will speak to you through the service.

If you are a first time guest, we are especially thankful to have you with us. Please complete the visitor information section and place in the offering basket so we can follow up by email. Our Teaching Elder, Mike Hubbard, would enjoy meeting you after the service.

If you have a question or would like to pray with someone after the service, please come to the area to the left of the stage.

Family Members Attending:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

### Would like more information on:

- Genesis Kids (Birth—5th grade)
- Vouth (6th—High School)
- ♦ Community Groups
- Gospel Class (Our Core Beliefs)
- Observation Becoming a Christ Follower
- Newcomer Lunch (1st Sunday each month)
- ~ No one will show up at your door

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## Koinonia—Our Online Community

Stay connected during the week by using our church social networking site: <u>Koinonia.genesiseureka.com</u>. Koinonia is the Greek word for fellowship. Visit the website and follow the directions to register. You will receive a confirmation e-mail upon successful registration.

Contact office@genesiseureka.com with any questions.

### This Week at Genesis Church:

- Men's Bible Study—Tues., 6:30 a.m. @ Church Office
- Youth Group-Wed., 6:30-8 p.m. @ Church Office
- Friday Morning Prayer Time-6:45 a.m. @ Church Office

Community Groups Kick Off Sept. 11 ... Details coming soon!

#### Serving Eureka ... We have several opportunities to serve Eureka. Send questions to office@genesiseureka.com and please use the tear-off section or QR Code to volunteer.

- Eureka Days Parade Oct. 1: The parade is one of our favorite  $\Diamond$ ways to serve our community. Our "float" is the last one in the parade: a trailer filled with empty trash barrels; we follow along with trash bags to clean up the streets and collect trash from the crowd. This is an "all hands on deck" event for all ages.
- Eureka Days Kids Korner Oct. 2: Genesis has been asked to manage the Eureka Days Kids Korner from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to set up the booth, pass out candy, and assist families with a craft.
- EHS Football Concessions Duty Oct. 7: A volunteer is needed  $\Diamond$ to serve as point person and a minimum team of 12-15 teens/adults are needed to work the concession stands so football/band parents can watch the game. A small group is needed at 5:30 p.m. to set up; others can arrive at 6:15 p.m.

Save These Dates—Register or get information by scanning the QR Code or email office@genesiseureka.com with questions:



Sept. 4-Newcomer Lunch, 12:00-1:00 p.m. @ Hola! Mexican Food: If you're new to Genesis Church and want to find out more about our core beliefs, Mike & Heidi Hubbard would like to take you to lunch.

Sept. 8—Women's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ 1237 Hunters Chase Dr., Eureka. Scan QR code for full details and information to order the book. Open to Middle School and older (you don't have to specify age!)

Sept. 10, 17 and 24—Man-Up Breakfasts, 8:30-10 a.m. @ Church Office. This is a great chance to hang out and hear from other men, enjoy a good breakfast, and dig into the Scriptures. If you aren't available all three weeks, make it when you can.

Sept. 18—Leadership 222, 5:30-8:30 p.m. @ Church Office. Leadership 222 is a program designed to develop leaders for service in the church. It is based on 2 Timothy 2:22.

Sept. 25-Gospel Class, 5:00-8:30 p.m. @Church Office. Whether this is your first week at Genesis or if you have been coming for months, whether you believe in Jesus or not, this 5-week introductory class on Genesis core beliefs is the place to get started. Childcare available with registration.

Oct. 9—Special Pray for the Lost Lunch & Scavenger Hunt, immediately after service. Lunch provided but you MUST register your family by Oct. 2.

Oct. 14-Women's Fellowship, 7:00-9:00 p.m., @ 3784 Doc Sargent. An evening of fellowship and encouragement. Rebecca Larson will play piano and we will sing hymns of your choice. Hymnals provided.

Event Sign-Up:
Newcomer Lunch 9/4
Women's Bible Study 9/8
Man-Up Breakfasts 9/10 9/17 9/24
Leadership 222 9/18
Gospel Class Starts 9/25
Eureka Days Parade 10/1

EHS Concessions Duty 10/7
Volunteer:
Genesis Kids
Worship Set-up
Van Driver
First Impressions
Tech Team
Worship Team
Creative Team
Prayer Team
Food Pantry

Eureka Days Kids Korner 10/2

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