

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY FURLOUGH

Acts 14:27 - 15:31

Following their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas began their first missionary furlough. Study the following to discover where they went, what they did there, and what great events took place during their first furlough:

A. Events in Antioch: Read Acts 14:27-15:2

1. Where did the missionaries spend their furlough? Acts 14:26a

2. Why would they especially want to go there? Acts 14:26b

3. What did they do when they arrived? Acts 14:27

4. How long did they stay? Acts 14:28

5. From what place did other teachers come to Antioch while Paul and Barnabas were there? Acts 15:1a

6. What did these men teach? Acts 15:1b, 5b

7. What did Paul and Barnabas do when they heard this teaching? Acts 15:2a

8. By whom did the church of Antioch decide that this great question should be settled? Acts 15:2c

9. Who were to be their representatives in settling this question? Acts 15:2b

10. How long had it been since Paul was last in Jerusalem? (See Galatians 2:1)

B. The Visit to Jerusalem: Read Acts 15:3-5

1. As they travelled toward Jerusalem, about what did they tell the people in every place? Acts 15:3

2. When they arrived in Jerusalem, to whom did they give their report? Acts 15:4

3. Who objected to the way they had taught the Gentiles? Why? Acts 15:5

C. The Church Council at Jerusalem: Read Acts 15:6-29

1. Notice that a special council meeting was called to discuss this problem. After much disputing, who made a speech? Acts 15:7a

2. What did he say had happened when he preached the gospel to the Gentiles (Cornelius and his household, Acts 10) some time ago? Acts 15:8

3. What had been the only thing necessary for their salvation? Acts 15:9

4. Who next testified of similar conversions among the Gentiles? Acts 15:12

5. Who then remembered that God had promised in the Old Testament that the Gentiles would be saved? Acts 15:13-17

6. Therefore, what solution to this problem did he suggest? Acts 15:19

7. However, from what four things did he think the Gentiles should keep themselves? Acts 15:20

8. What was one reason they should do this? Acts 15:21

9. Who was sent to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas and the others, to tell the church of this decision? Acts 15:22b, 27a, 32a

10. What did the people do when they heard the church leaders' decision? Acts 15:31

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What do I consider necessary for a person's salvation today? (See Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)

2. How does God feel about any other things I might try to do in order to be saved? (See Isaiah 64:6)
