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The men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. (Acts 15:30)

The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. (Acts 15:31)

1. In the Beginning, Almost All Christians Were _____.

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2. Some Jews Insisted That to Become a Christian, You Had to _____ to Judaism.

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses." (Acts 15:5)

After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe." (Acts 15:7)

"He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith." (Acts 15:9)

3. The Apostles Argued That Salvation Is by _____ Alone.

"Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear?" (Acts 15:10)

"No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." (Acts 15:11)

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God." (Acts 15:19)

4. Why Does the Church Tend to _____ What God Made So Simple?

"Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood." (Acts 15:20)

5. This Church Is for _____ !

Want to Go Deeper?

- Use the provided card to begin investing, inviting, and involving.
- As your relationships change, adjust the names on your i³ Prayer Card accordingly.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Memorize Acts 15:19.
- Read *Simple Church: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples* by Thom Rainer.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!