

To Fight or Not to Fight?

Acts 15:1—16:5

When the purity of the gospel is at stake...

Romans 3:20-21, 28; 6:14; 7:4, 6; 8:2-4; 10:4; 1 Cor. 9:20;
Galatians 2:11-16, 21; 3:10, 25; 5:3-4; Ephesians 2:8-10

When the unity of the church is at stake...

John 13:34-35; 17:20-23; Romans 13:10; 14:19; 15:2, 5-7;
1 Corinthians 10:24; 13:5; 16:14; Galatians 5:13-14;
Ephesians 4:3; Colossians 3:14

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. How do you think your religious heritage affects your relationship with God? What deep-seated beliefs have been most difficult to dislodge?
2. Read all the passages under Point 1 on the note sheet. Which of these passages encapsulates the truth about the gospel most meaningfully to you? Why?
3. Are there any “laws” that you tend to judge other Christians by? What are they? Is there a biblical basis for them?
4. Have you ever felt ostracized by a Christian group because you did not conform to their rules? Based on the passages under Point 2 of the outline, how do you think you should respond when that happens?
5. Do you think there are times when you should not limit your freedoms in order to avoid offending another Christian? When would it be more loving to fight than switch?
6. How does this week’s message apply to you personally? What changes do you think the Spirit of God is asking you to make?