



The
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 15:22-41



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Verse 1

“Unless you circumcise according to the customs of Moses, you cannot be **saved.**”

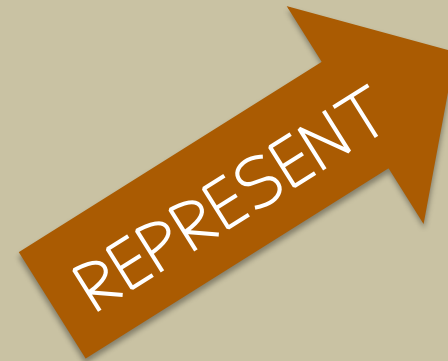
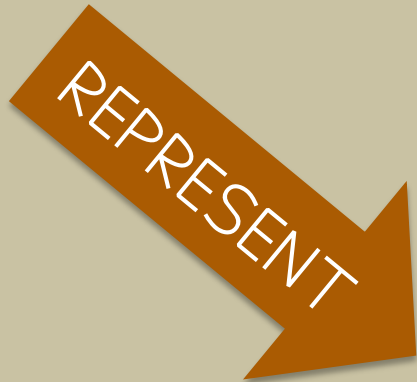
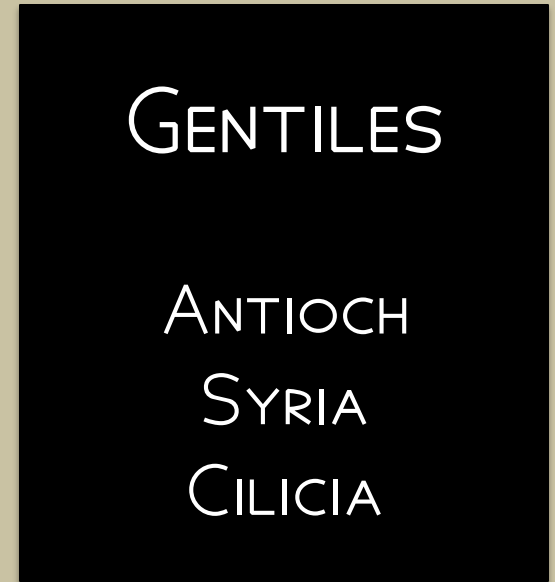
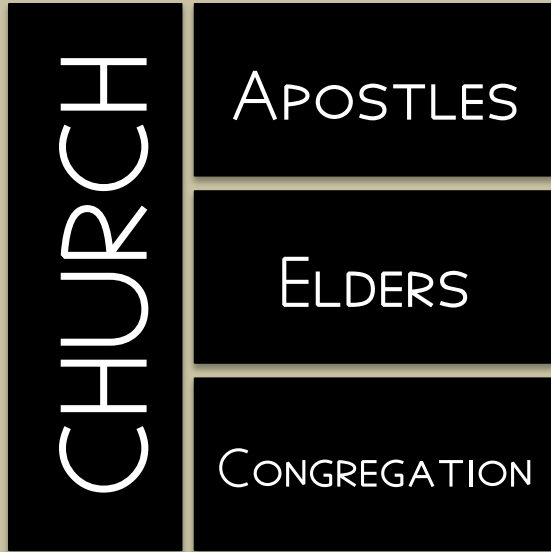
Verses 8-11

⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having **cleansed their hearts by faith.** ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we will be **saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.**”



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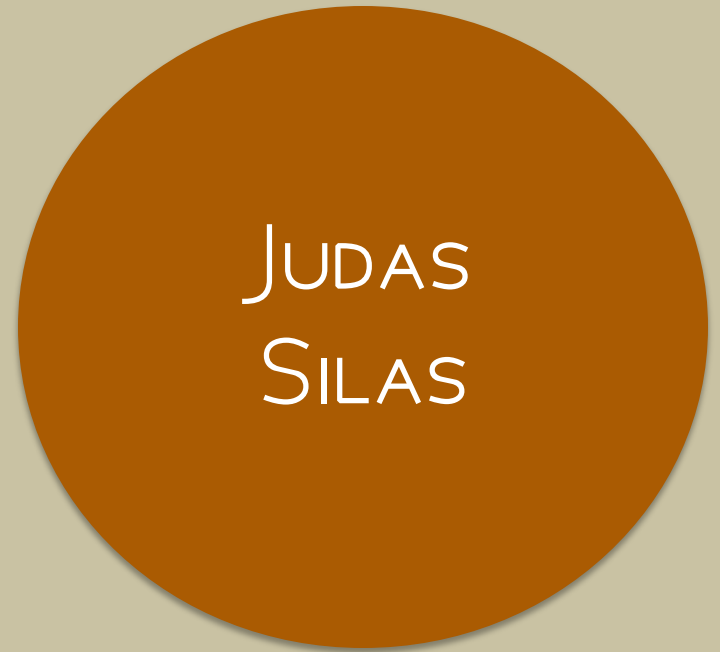


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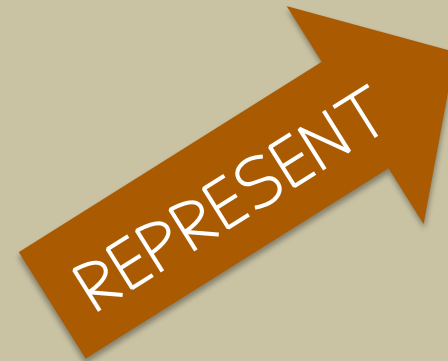
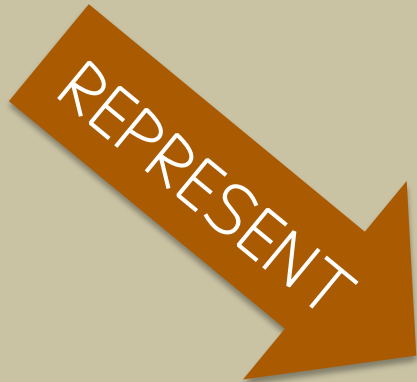
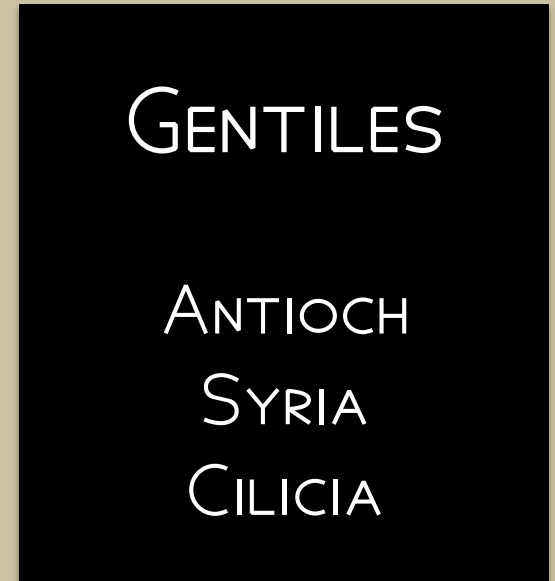
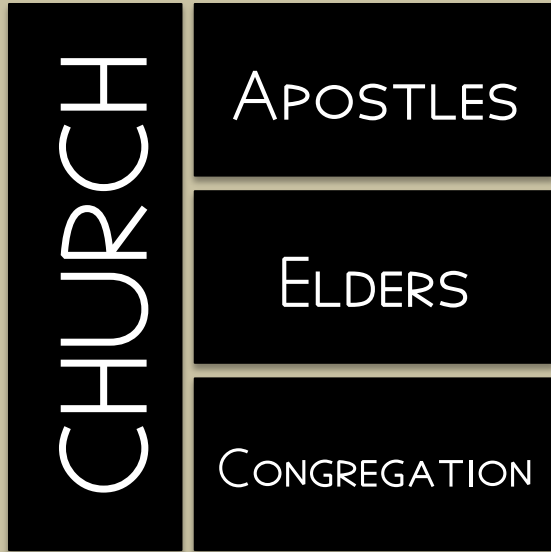
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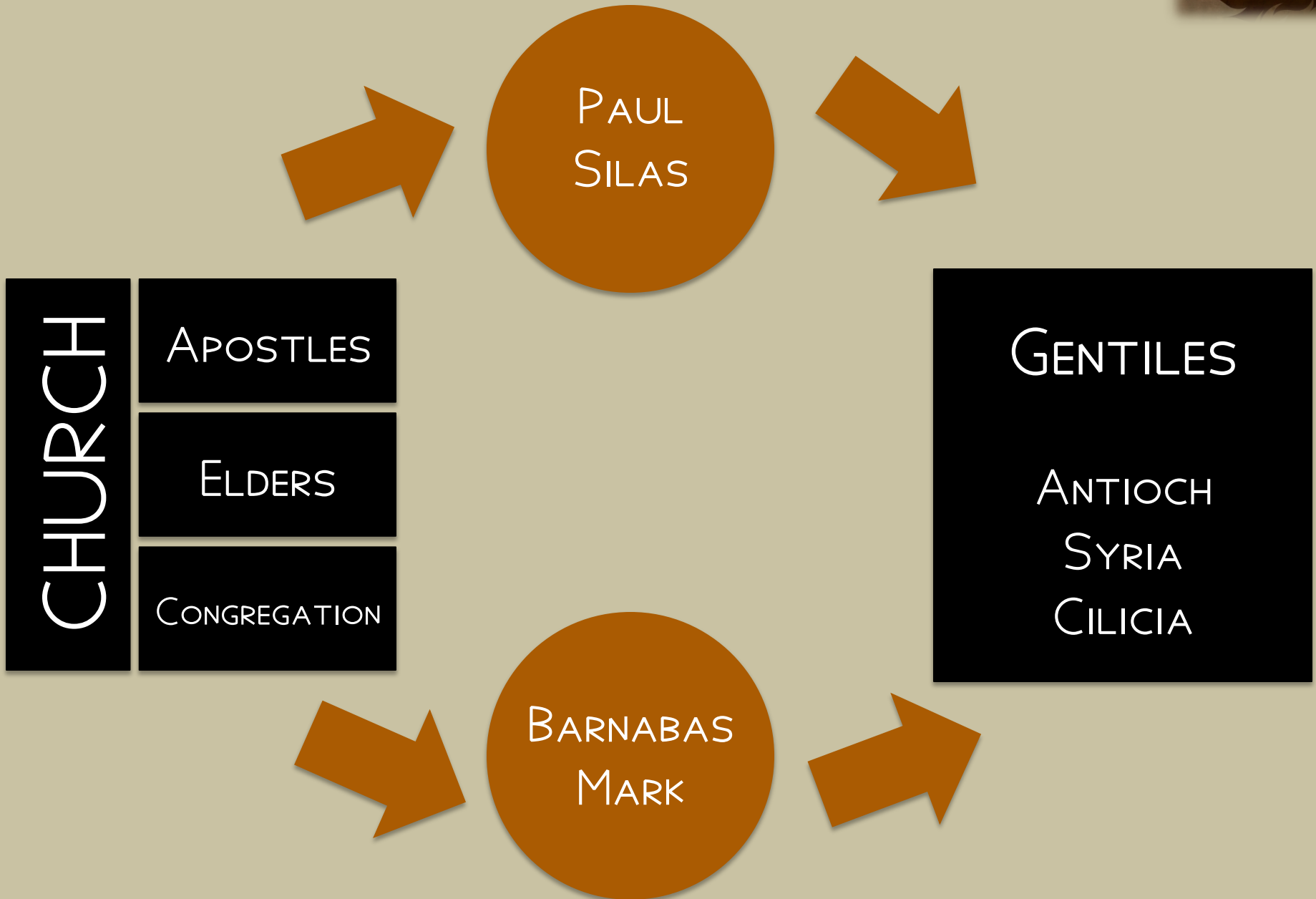
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DID PAUL AND BARNABAS EVER RECONCILE?

2 Timothy 4:11

Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

Colossians 4:10

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),



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