**The Church on Mission: “Spirit-led Salvation”**

**Acts 15:1-35**

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**Grace** is God giving Himself to the undeserving through faith in Jesus Christ.

I. The Dispute: “Jesus Alone” vs “Jesus Plus” (Acts 15:1-11)

“…..when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ…to show the immeasurable riches of his grace…by grace you have been saved through faith….this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:5-9

**Religion** is belief in God or gods, combined with religious works, rituals and rule keeping.

1. Religious performance

2. Self-reliance

3. Desire for control

4. Sense of superiority

5. Seeking the praise of others

II. The Discussion: “Scripture Alone” vs “Scripture Plus” (Acts 15:12-18)

“Jesus said, ‘Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”’ John 17:17

John 5:39

III. The Decision: “Spirit-led Freedom and Love” (Acts 15:19-35)

A Spirit-led Church of Freedom and Love asks questions:

1. How does this demonstrate my love for God?

2. How does this demonstrate my love for others?

3. How does this advance the Gospel and disciple-making?