

## A Truth Diluted

Acts 15-16

Our story starts with Paul and Silas preaching in the Gospel in Philippi.

They get thrown in Jail and they don't get discouraged.

Acts 16:25-26 - God responds to his peoples praise!

Acts 16: 27 - The jailor things he's in trouble.

Acts 16:28-29 Paul speaks up

Acts 16:30 The jailor and his family come to Jesus.

Acts 16:32-34 The jailor and his family are baptised.

Things could have been very different.

Paul is preaching and the Gentiles are getting saved. But some comes to mess up the converts.

Acts 15:1 Some teach that circumcision is essential for salvation.

Acts 15:2 Paul and Silas defend faith.

Everyone goes to Jerusalem for a ruling from the Apostles.

Acts 15:4 Paul and Silas report.

Acts 15:5 Jewish believers mix up the truth.

Acts 15:7-11 Peter tells his experience.

His conclusion:

Acts 15:11 *We believe that we are all saved the same way, grace of the Lord Jesus.*

*by the undeserved*

Acts 15:19-20 James agrees with Peter.

What is the unmixed truth regarding salvation?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

<sup>9</sup> *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*