

OUR CITY NEEDS CHURCH



WHO NEEDS CHURCH

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MEMORY VERSE: In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! **LUKE 15:7 (NLT)**

ACTS 15:4-12 ⁴When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They **reported everything** God had done through them. ⁵But then **some** of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and **insisted**, "The Gentile converts **must** be circumcised and **required** to follow the law of Moses." ⁶So the apostles and elders met together to **resolve this issue**. ⁷At the meeting, after a **long discussion**, Peter stood and addressed them as follows: "Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could **hear the Good News** and believe. ⁸God **knows** people's hearts, and **he confirmed** that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. ⁹**He made no distinction** between us and them, for **he cleansed** their hearts through faith. ¹⁰So why are you now challenging God by **burdening** the Gentile believers with a yoke that **neither we nor our ancestors** were able to bear? ¹¹We believe that **we are all saved the same way**, by the **undeserved grace** of the Lord Jesus." ¹²Everyone listened quietly as Barnabas and Paul told about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

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_____ MORE THAN _____.

**GOD'S JOB = KNOW THE HEART, CONFIRM SALVATION,
MAKE DISTINCTIONS, CLEANSE THE HEART.**

OUR JOB = REMOVE _____
STAY _____.

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