

# Discerning barriers to Salvation

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Acts 15:1-35

**1. Share what clubs or social organisations you belong to. What requirements did you have to meet in order to join? Are there a set of requirements (rules/constitution) that members are expected to follow?**

**2. Read Acts 15:1-2. The people who came from Judea had a requirement for believers. Was it presented as a requirement to belong, or a requirement to be followed once you belonged? Discuss.**

**3. How did the church leaders at Antioch deal with newcomers seeking to impose a new teaching?**

**4. Read Acts 15:3-5 What requirements did the Pharisees (who were Christians) want to place on Gentile converts? What reason did they have for thinking this way? (see Deut 29:2,9-13)**

**5. What did these Christian Pharisees not yet fully understand? Read Jer 31:31, Luk 22:20 and Heb 8:7-13.**

**6. Acts 15:6-18. How did God demonstrate to Peter and his believing Jewish companions that he fully accepted the gentiles?**

**7. Acts 15:19-21. Having just established that obedience to the law was not required of the Gentile converts, why now send them some rules to follow? Read 1 Cor 8:1-13.**

**8. Can you think of any requirements (spoken or unspoken) that we at St Hilary's place on people who come along?**

**9. How did your attitudes and behaviour change after you became a Christian? What change was instantaneous and what change took years?**

**110. Which of the following three choices would have been a good recommendation for you to follow when you became a Christian? Why? Discuss.**

**a) Acts 15:23-29 Jerusalem council letter.**

**b) Deuteronomy 5:6-21 Ten Commandments**

**c) Matt 5:1-Matt 7:27. Sermon on the mount.**

**11. Pray for each other.**