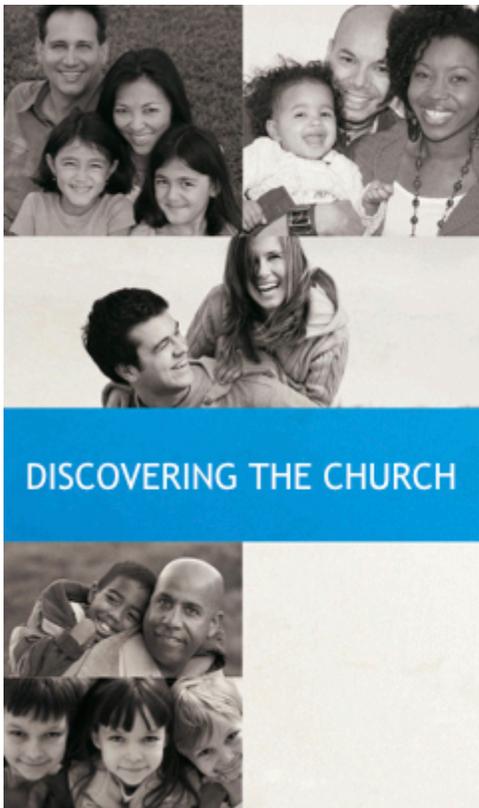


New Wine in Old Wineskins

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Discovering the Church / Legalism; False Teaching; Conflict over circumcision in Antioch; New Covenant; New wine; Old Testament / Acts 15:1–5

The natural inclination to infuse ourselves into Christ is better suited to allow Christ to be infused into us.



Criticism from the
Circumcision Party
Acts 15:1-5
Sunday, June 25th @ 10:30 a.m.
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Acts 15:1–5 (ESV)

15 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.³ So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

Matthew 9:16–17 ESV

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¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷ Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

I. God’s Way versus Man’s Way

John 3:31 ESV

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all.

Matthew 4:4 ESV

⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Matthew 16:23 ESV

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Matthew 19:26 ESV

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

II. Heaven versus Earth

John 3:12 ESV

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

1 Corinthians 15:40 ESV

⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

1 Corinthians 15:47 ESV

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:1 ESV

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

III. New Testament versus Old Testament

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John 5:22–25 ESV

²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Romans 7:6 ESV

⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

1 Corinthians 5:7 ESV

⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Hebrews 8:13 ESV

¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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Invitation God's Plan of Salvation

SO FAITH COMES FROM HEARING & HEARING THROUGH THE WORD OF CHRIST

ROMANS 10:17

The diagram features three circular icons connected by lines. The top-left icon shows a tree with a bird perched on it. The top-right icon shows a cross on a hill. The bottom-center icon shows a human ear. Arrows point from the tree and cross icons towards the ear icon, and from the ear icon towards the text 'SO FAITH COMES FROM'.

AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM,
FOR WHOEVER WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS
AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM.
HEBREWS 11:6

The background consists of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of gold and green, creating a modern, abstract design.

ACTS 2:38

And Peter said to them, **REPENT** and be **BAPTIZED** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A large blue water drop is the central graphic, with a red banner across it containing the text 'ACTS 2:38'.

...because, if you **CONFESS** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **BELIEVE** in your heart

that God raised him **FROM THE DEAD**, you will be **SAVED**.

ROMANS 10:9

The icons include a bowl of water, a heart, a skull, and a small plant.

WE WERE BURIED THEREFORE WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER,
WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

ROMANS 6:4

The background is a scenic landscape with rolling green hills and a large, bright sun rising over a valley.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands **take heed lest he fall.**

1 Corinthians 10:12

A yellow caution sign with a black silhouette of a person falling is the central graphic.