

Hold On to What God Gives You

Acts 15

1. Certain men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers, saying, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”
2. Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and certain other of them to go up to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem concerning this question.
3. And so, being sent by the Assembly, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and they caused great joy among all the brothers.
4. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the Assembly, and the apostles, and the elders, and they recounted all the things God had done with them.
5. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses!”
6. And the apostles and the elders came together to see about this matter.

Referring to this meeting, Paul told this to the Galatians:

Galatians 2

- 1b. I went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also.
- 2a. I went up because of a revelation, and I laid out to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles.
3. But even Titus, who was with me, though he was Greek, was not compelled to be circumcised,
4. in spite of false brothers stealthily brought in, who slipped in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus so that they might enslave us,
5. to whom we did not yield in submission even for a moment so that the truth of the gospel might continue for you.

****The only way you will survive this world is to hold on to whatever God gives you.****

Proverbs 30

5. Every word of God is pure.

Matthew 4

1. Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the Accuser.
2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry.
3. And the Tempter came to him and said, “Since you are *the* Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
4. But he answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.’”

John 4

31. In the meantime, his disciples kept asking him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”
32. But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.”

John 6

57. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live by the Father, so also, he who eats me shall live by me.

Hebrews 2

1. We must pay even closer attention to the things that have been heard, lest we drift away from them.

1Timothy 4

13. Until I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the elders' hands.

15. Meditate on these things; immerse yourself in them so that your progress may be manifest to all men.

16. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in these things; for in doing this, you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Deuteronomy 32

45. Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel.

46. And he said to them, "Apply your hearts to all the words that I am testifying among you today, so that you command your children to be careful to do all the words of this law.

47a. For it is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life."

Isaiah 8

11. Thus Jehovah spoke to me with a mighty hand and warned me against walking in the way of this people, saying,

12. "You shall not say 'a confederacy' to all them to whom this people says, 'A confederacy'; neither shall you fear their fear, nor tremble.

13. You shall sanctify Jehovah of Hosts, and Him shall you fear, and at Him shall you tremble."