

Scroggins and Shields
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WHO STOLE MY CHURCH?
Acts 15

Acts 15:1-35

Three Issues to think about when the Church is changing:

- 1) A THEOLOGICAL ISSUE: Christians must constantly define and articulate the gospel.
 - The foundation of a CHURCH is the gospel. (v. 7-10)
What is the gospel? **(1 Corinthians 15:1-3)**
 - Jesus died for our sins
 - He was buried
 - God raised him from the dead
 - There is always a temptation to ADD to the gospel. (v. 1)
 - It is easy to confuse preferences and religious traditions with the gospel.
 - The gospel calls us to give up SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. (v. 11)

Galatians 1:6-9

- 2) A CULTURAL ISSUE: The gospel calls all believers to embrace change. (v. 5)
 - Change is PAINFUL.
 - The gospel calls me to value OTHER PEOPLE more than my own religious PREFERENCES and TRADITIONS.
 - It's not about ME.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- 3) A FAMILY ISSUE: Believers were called to respect FEELINGS and TRADITIONS of others in the family of Jesus. (v. 20-21)
 - LOVE for one another is the key. **(1 Corinthians 13:1-13)**