

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 21 – The Ministry of the 12th Apostle – Paul (Part 8)

I. Acts 15:22-31 The Encyclical Letter

- A. The UNITED decree of all 12 Apostles + James & the Elders of the Jerusalem Church
- B. The first authoritative and UNIVERSAL Scripture written specifically to Gentiles
 - 1. Galatians only had Paul's authority (which was being challenged)
 - 2. Galatians was written only to the churches of Galatia (limited circulation)
- C. The encyclical letter included things required of 'Abraham's Seed' for the 430 years prior to the Law of Moses: (Gal. 3:6-9; Gal. 3:13-19; Gal. 3:24-29).
 - 1. Abstain from everything that is polluted by the idolatry of Nimrod & Babel
 - a. Example of Jacob (Gen. 35:1-7)
 - 2. Abstain from sexual immorality
 - a. Example of Joseph (Gen. 39)
 - 3. Abstain from eating meat from animals not properly killed, & blood
 - a. Noah (Gen. 9:1-4); Abraham (Gen. 18:6-8).