God's Kingdom On-mission: Christ Alone, Christians Together

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Christ alone? Or Christ + ____?

The troublemakers from Jerusalem were teaching that faith in Christ wasn't enough for salvation. They were teaching that salvation comes through faith in Christ + circumcision & the keeping of the Mosaic (Jewish) Law. v.1

Does salvation require faith in Christ + something else?

The Jerusalem Council ruled that salvation comes by God's grace through man's <u>faith</u>, and requires nothing else. vv.7, 9 & 11

What Christians Should Do When Disagreements Come

- 1. Stand firm for the truth. v.2
- 2. Seek wise <u>counsel</u>. v.2
- 3. Give God all the glory along the way. vv.3-4
- 4. <u>Respect</u> those with whom you disagree. vv.5-6
- 5. Patiently give careful <u>witness</u>. vv.7-12
- 6. <u>Test</u> everything with Scripture. vv.13-18
- 7. Strive for peace. vv.19-21
- 8. Avoid unnecessary offense. vv.20-31
- 9. Follow the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. v.28
- 10. <u>Serve</u> Christ faithfully. vv.32-35