



“To Trouble No More & No Further Burden”

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“Acts: God’s Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 17



Acts 15:5 But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."



Acts 15:1 ¶ Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”



Acts 15:8 And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us,
Acts 15:9 and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.



Acts 15:10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?*



Acts 15:11 On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”*



Acts 15:13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me.

Acts 15:14 Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.



Acts 15:15 This agrees with the words
of the prophets, as it is written,
Acts 15:16 ¶ 'After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the dwelling of
David, which has fallen;
from its ruins I will rebuild it,
and I will set it up,



Acts 15:17 so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things

Acts 15:18 known from long ago.



Acts 14:15 "People, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.



Acts 14:16 In past generations he allowed all peoples to follow their own ways,

Acts 14:17 yet he has not left himself without a

witness in doing good, giving you rains from

heaven and fruitful seasons and filling you

with food and your hearts with joy.”

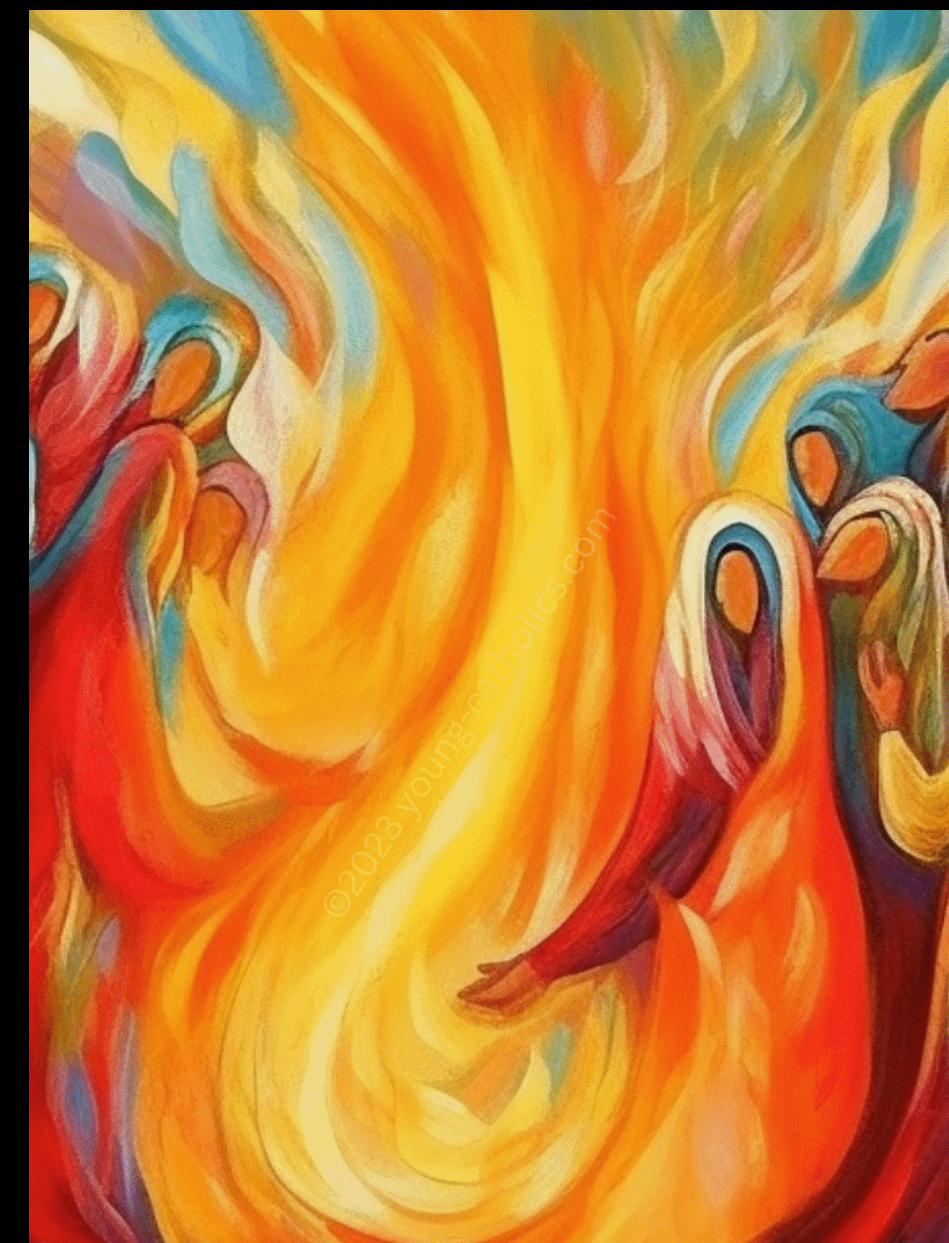


Acts 15:19 ¶ “Therefore I
have reached the
decision that we should
not trouble those gentiles
who are turning to God,



Acts 15:22 ¶ Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among them and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers,

Acts 15:23 with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters of gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.



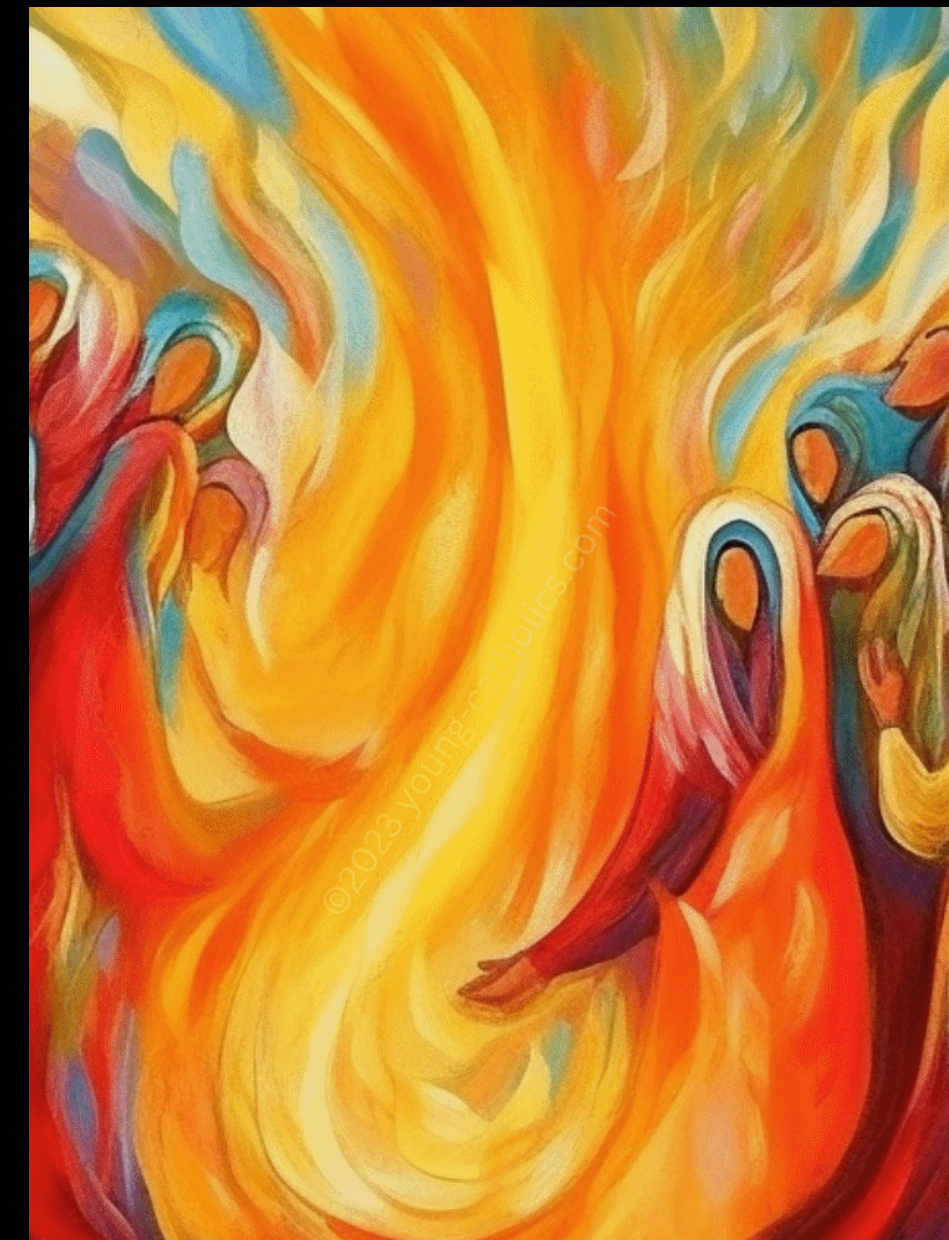
Acts 15:24 Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds,



Acts 15:25 we have decided unanimously to choose men and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Acts 15:26 who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 15:27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.



Acts 15:28 For it has
seemed good to the Holy
Spirit and to us to impose
on you no further burden
than these essentials:



Acts 15:29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled^f and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”



Gal. 2:19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, Gal. 2:20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

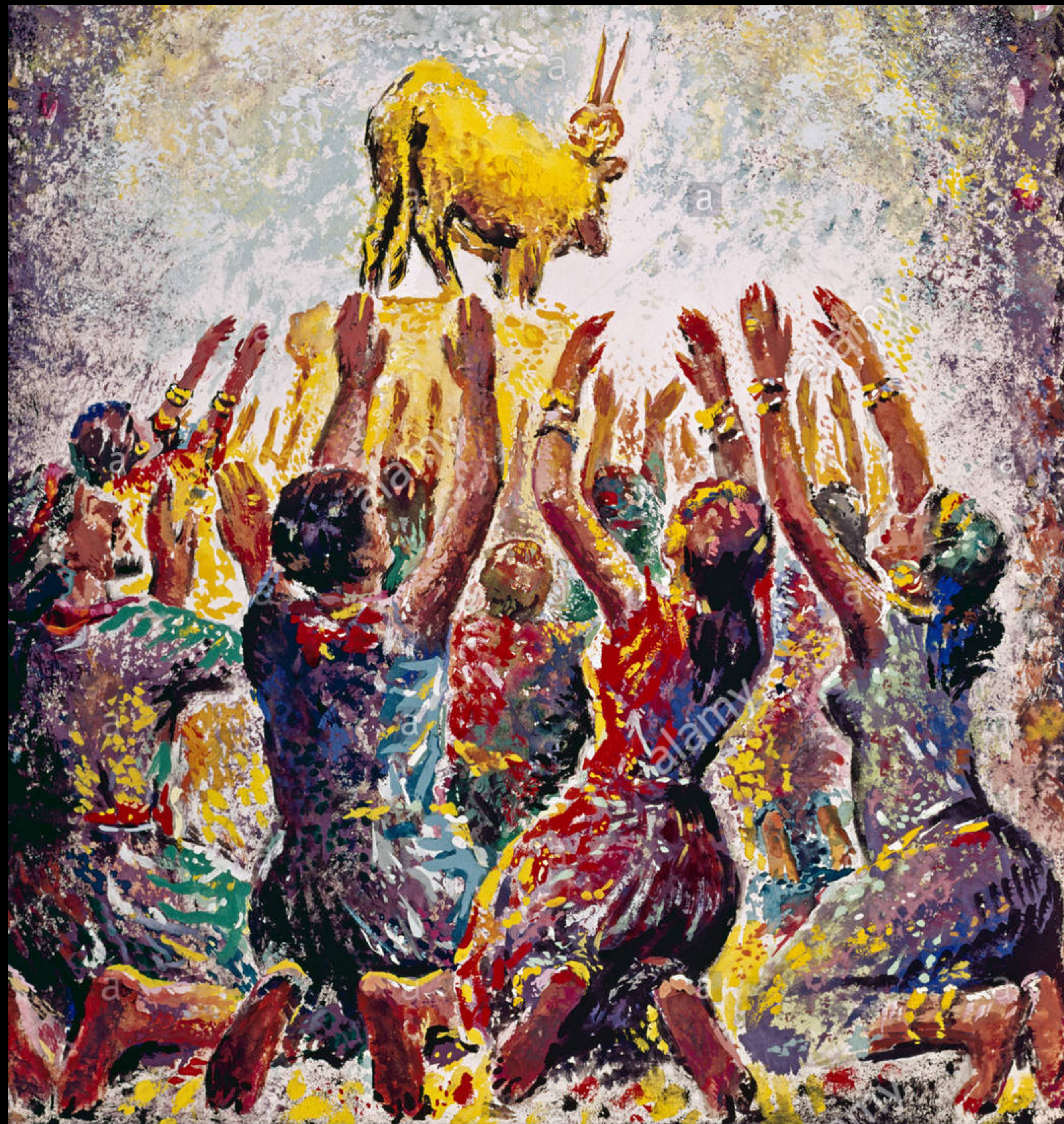


Acts 15:30 ¶ So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

Acts 15:31 When they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation.



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Acts 15:10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?



Gal. 5:22 ¶ By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.



Gal. 1:3 ¶ Grace to you and
peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Gal. 1:4 who gave himself for
our sins to set us free from the
present evil age...





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