

Acts of Jesus 32 2026 notes

Sometimes our attempt to control people with manmade rules and regulations, which have nothing to do with Scripture, sound as ridiculous as these product warning labels:

An electric razor for men with the following warning label: "Never use while sleeping."

"Remove child before folding"—a warning label on a baby stroller

"Does not supply oxygen"—a label on a common medical mask

"Danger: Avoid Death"—a warning label on a small tractor

"Harmful if swallowed"—a warning on a brass fishing lure with a treble hook

"This product moves when used"—a warning on a popular children's scooter

A rotary tool includes the following warning label: "This product is not intended for use as a dental drill"

"May cause drowsiness"—a warning label for Nytol One-a-Night sleeping aids

Acts 15:1-2 –An open attack on the real gospel by requiring Gentiles to follow the Old Testament laws.

--The entire Book of Galatians was written in response to this false teaching and its offshoots.

--**Galatians 2:16; Galatians 3:11;**

--Paul soundly condemns anyone who would denigrate the grace of God and attempt to change the gospel **Galatians 1:8-10.**

--The Galatians had to stand fast in their freedom and not be "entangled again with a yoke of bondage (that is, the Mosaic law)"

Galatians 5:1

Legalism is a denial of sufficiency of Christ's death and resurrection and leads to denying Christ.

--The issue was not whether a person is circumcised but whether he is a "new creation" **Galatians 6:15.**

--Paul also refers to this ongoing controversy and its false teachers elsewhere: **Philippians 3:1-3**

The books of Galatians and James deal with two complementary aspects of Christianity.

--Galatians highlights the gospel of grace that produces righteous living **Galatians 3:13-14.**

--James highlights the righteous living that proves true faith.

Acts 15:3-5 – Can a believer keep the law of Moses? Sure; Paul did—he even took a Nazirite vow at one point.

--The Jewish believers ate kosher food and observed the high holy days—nothing wrong with that.

--Where it goes wrong is where we start believing that we are somehow better or an improved Christian because we keep certain ceremonies or certain days of the week.

--Be careful, because we are insinuating that our standing with God can be improved by what we do and is not completed in Christ.

Hearing from what they had seen God do: VV. 6-12

James speaks: VV. 13-21

A letter is sent out: VV. 22-35

A second missionary journey is begun: VV. 36-41

Barnabus is not mentioned again in Scripture and is said to have been martyred on Cyprus, his home territory. They rose up against him and burned him to death.

According to tradition, in AD 49, Mark travelled to Alexandria and founded the Church of Alexandria. The Coptic Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria, and the Coptic Catholic Church all trace their origins to this original community. He is credited with being the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa.

I Peter 5:12-14; II Timothy 4:11