

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Jews and Gentiles in One Body Acts 15:6–31



Acts 15:1, “And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ ”

Salvation Legalism: Faith + baptism, church membership, etc.

Spiritual Life Legalism: Faith + obedience, law, ritual, etc.

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Titus 1:5, “For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—”

Titus 1:7, “For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,”

Acts 20:17, “From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.”

Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

ἐπίσκοπος *episkopos* acc masc plur

overseer, bishop, guardian. Emphasizes leadership responsibility.

ποιμαίνω *poimainō* pres act infin

to shepherd, feed. Emphasizes his function.

**πρεσβύτερος *presbuteros* nom masc plur
comp older; elder. Emphasizes maturity.**

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ὁράω (*horaō*),

aor act inf

“to see, to look, to ascertain”

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**ζήτησις (*zētēsis*),
“investigation, argument,
discussion, debate.”**

**Acts 15:8, “So God, who knows the heart,
acknowledged them by giving them the Holy
Spirit, just as He did to us,”**

καρδιογνώστης

kardiognōstēs

nom masc sing

heart-knower

Acts 15:9, “and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.”

καθαρίζω

katharizō

aor act part masc

sing nom

“to cleanse”

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πειράζω *peirazō*
pres act indic 2 plur
to tempt, test; try

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Gal. 5:1, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

Acts 15:11, “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”

Acts 15:12, “Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.”

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συμφωνέω *sumphōneō*

pres act indic 3 plur

to agree with

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Amos 9:11, “ ‘On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old;

Amos 9:12, “ ‘That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,’ says the LORD who does this thing.”

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παρενοχλέω
parenochleō
pres act infin

**to trouble,
annoy, add
extra trouble,
harass**

ἐπιστρέφω *epistrephō*
pres act part masc plur dat
to turn back, return, turn

Acts 14:15, “and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,”

ἐπιστρέφω *epistrephō*

pres act infin

“to turn back, return

**μετάνοια (*metanoia*),
change of mind,
repentance, conversion;**

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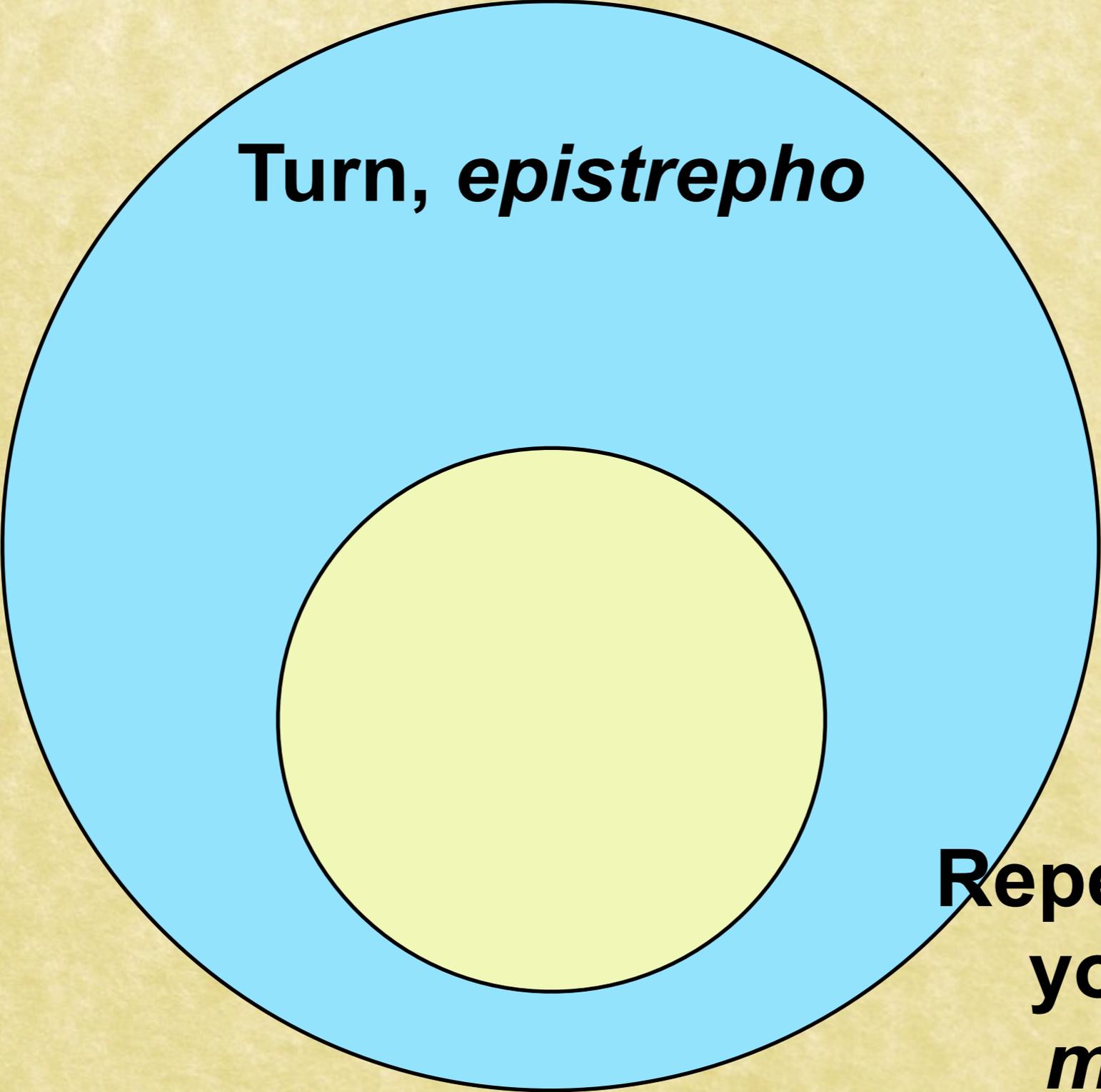
**change one’s mind,
repent, be converted;**

שוב *shuv*

**qal perf 2 masc sing
consec**

to return, turn

**נָחַם (*naḥam*) *be sorry,*
repent, regret, be
*comforted, comfort***



Turn, *epistrepho*

**Repent, change
your mind,
*metanoeo***

**Repent, change
your mind,
*metanoeo***

**Turn,
*epistrepho***

**Believe,
*pisteuo***



Acts 15:20, “but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.”