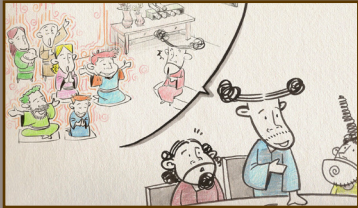


Salvation by faith!



- Narration** One day, Paul and Barnabas returned to their home church, Antioch, after a short missionary trip.
- Barnabas** We're back!
- Narration** But at that time, some people from Jerusalem were saying something strange to the members of the Antioch church.
- Member 1** What? Do we need to be circumcised for the salvation?
- Member 2** Barnabas and Paul didn't tell us in that way! Paul told us that salvation comes through faith!
- False teacher** Haha, you don't get it! No one can be saved unless they are circumcised according to the law of Moses! Paul doesn't know at all! Everyone, get circumcised, right now!
- Members** Huh? All of a sudden, what is this all about? Do we really need to be circumcised,,? (rumble)
- Narration** The members of Antioch church were very confused. When Paulus and Barnabas heard this, they were very angry.
- Paul** I'm so angry and upset!!
- Narration** So they immediately went to the false teachers who confuse the members of the Antioch church and questioned them.
- Paul** You guys are talking nonsense! Do you truly think that we are accepted by God by performing circumcision? God has already forgiven us and accepted us through Jesus Christ!
- False teacher** No! Not a single letter of God's word can be wrong or changed! So, only if everyone is circumcised can God accept all of us!
- Paul** No, it's not! We just have to believe in a merciful God, nothing more should be done!
- Narration** Paul and Barnabas argued against the false teachers, but the debate was not over. (Sound of debate)
- Paul** No to circumcision!
- False teacher** Yes to circumcision!
- Paul** No, it's not! (Sound of debate)
- Narration** So, the Antioch church decided to go to the disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem and ask them directly to make this problem clear.
- Paul** Let's go to Jerusalem and continue the debate!



False teacher

Yeah, let's go!

Barnabas

Apostles, is it true that you told the people they must be circumcised to be accepted by God? Some of you are making our church very confused.

False teacher

We have to keep the law of Moses to become Abraham's descendants! Circumcision is essential!

Narration

This issue has been debated for a long time in the Jerusalem church. (Sound of debate)

Narration

At the end of the debate, Peter got up and said to them.

Peter

You will remember that the last time God allowed Cornelius, an uncircumcised Gentile, to hear the gospel and sent the holy spirit to him. God saw his faith and gave him the holy spirit, not because of his circumcision. Just like this, we are saved because of our faith in the Lord Jesus, not by our circumcision.

James

My brothers, let me also tell you something. Considering the words of the Bible, I do not think that circumcision is required for Gentiles who return to God. So I hope you to not demand the circumcision from them.

Narration

In this way, it was concluded that the claim that everyone need to be circumcised to be saved is not correct. The Jerusalem church wrote a letter to the Antioch church saying that it is no longer necessary to be circumcised. Barnabas and Paul arrived safely in Antioch with the letter. The church members were greatly encouraged and rejoiced. Thus, the church in Antioch was filled with joy.