

Acts 15 – ABSTAIN FROM EATING BLOOD



Blood suckers. In these parts we call them deer ticks.

I took a walk in the hay field yesterday. Today at 1:00 a deer tick I picked up yesterday that had crawled up my pants bit me in tummy. It was painful. I jumped up and tore off my shirt and pinched the little blood sucker off my flesh threw it to the ground then crushed it with a spoon.

Imagine how you would feel it not one, but thousands and thousands of these ticks was creeping all over your body, biting your flesh, and engorging themselves on your blood.

You wouldn't be 'driven to distraction'. You wouldn't be 'beside yourself'. Those words are too tame. You would be '**demon possessed and raving mad**'(John 10:20). You would be spinning like a dervish and stomping and rolling all over the ground trying to get those things off you.

Now you understand how Jesus feels about professional clergymen - about men who suck the lifeblood out of saints - draining their finances - in a day when taxes and the costs of living is already pushing poor working families to peril.

We are Gentiles. We come from Japheth's race or from Ham's race. We are not Jews. Jewish commandments aren't for us. **When we believed in Jesus' death on a Cross - his blood shed - we became adopted into his family - now we are 'Christ's blood' - relatives.** Therefore, a person that takes money from saints is 'eating Christ's blood' - he is like a tick - literally living off the saints.

When the Gentiles first believed the issue arose among the Jewish Christians: should we make them obey the laws of Moses. In Acts 15 the considered opinion of all the elders and apostles was there should only be ONE RULE FOR GENTILES:

**"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us
NOT TO BURDEN YOU WITH ANYTHING
beyond the following requirement
you are to ABSTAIN FROM FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS**

**FROM [eating] BLOOD
from the MEAT OF STRANGLED ANIMALS
and from SEXUAL IMMORALITY
you will do well to avoid these things."** (Acts 15:28-29)

Notice there is only ONE RULE. The Scripture says THE FOLLOWING REQUIRMENT - indicating that which is forbidden for Gentiles boils down to ONE THING.

Gentiles are not to elevate a clergy and rebuild a pagan church system which the death of Christ destroyed.

ABSTAIN FROM FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS

The 'idol' is the clergyman - prominently located at the center of the [pagan] sanctuary - for all to see - and bow down to - and shut there mouths in the presences of

The 'food offered' is financial donations - so the clergyman can eat!

ABSTAIN FROM EATING BLOOD

God forbid any true believer would put on the robes of paganism - become a priest of a pagan sanctuary - and eat the Christians! Leave this despicable role to wolves in sheep's clothes.

ABSTAIN FROM MEAT OF STRANGLED ANIMALS

What does strangling do? It chokes off the windpipe. A strangled animal can't make a sound. In pagan temples the devotees tip-toe around and KEEP SILENCE thinking this is a HOLY THING. Read any of the denunciations of idols in the prophets - IDOLS ARE DEAF AND DUMB - **to KEEP SILENCE in the presence of an IDOL is to worship it!**

A sure tip-off that you have walked into a Pagan Temple is there is an order of service in which FREE CHRISTIANS - laity - are not allowed to speak.

ABSTAIN FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY

The blood-bought church of Jesus Christ is a betrothed bride. We have already made the commitment to marry Jesus. We are now waiting for him to return to consummate the marriage. But in the meantime we are not permitted to have another husband - such a thing is SEXUAL IMMORALITY. When we join a 'church' with a 'pastor' who has 'authority' over the people - we have just made covenant to have another man take Jesus' place as our lord.

Now you know. Gentile Christians have ONE RULE - don't go back to paganism.

Whoops! The whole land is filled with pagan temples of worship!



NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

Jesus has had enough of thousands and thousands of blood-sucking ticks crawling all over his body.

GENTLE JESUS is now going to transform into what-looks-like a DEMON POSSESSED MADMAN. Note carefully: the man spinning and stomping and rolling on the ground is not demon possessed - he LOOKS demon possessed.

IN THE LAST DAYS the LORD is going to trash the whole house LIKE a demon possessed man. The judgment of all nations will come: terrible destruction - giant earthquakes - etc. (Revelations 6) and then all who are still alive will be raptured.



All because the GENTILE BELIEVERS did not keep our covenant - the ONE RULE - and the ONLY RULE - that would keep Jesus from taking our lampsticks away.

SO let's be CLEAR ON THIS. The Clergy System Institutional Church is not an option for Christians.

We are not to pick these blood suckers off our bodies, pet them and say 'have a nice day' go suck someone else's blood.

We are to pick them off, throw them to the ground, and crush them!

Because if we don't VEHEMENTLY REJECT CLERGYISM - Jesus will VEHEMENTLY REJECT ALL NATIONS.

**"But the day of the LORD will come like a thief
The heavens will disappear with a roar
the elements will be destroyed by fire
and the earth and everything on it will be laid bare."** (2 Pet 3:10)

ALL BECAUSE OF THE LITTLE BLOOD-SUCKERS!

