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Matt. 5:20-For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 11:2-And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him.

Gal. 2:4-But *it was* because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.

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Acts 11:30-And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

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Another Jerusalem Council?

Charisma's June 2003 article on Ross says:

Ross has advocated a second Jerusalem Council on creation following the model in The Acts of the Apostles, where the early Church leaders held a summit to hammer out an agreement on a contentious issue of whether or not Gentile converts should be required to follow Jewish custom and law. He believes the creation controversy is the biggest issue facing the church, more significant than the question of women's roles, "because of the impact it is having on evangelism." A. Butcher, "He Sees God in the Stars", Charisma (June 2003), p. 38-44. J. Sarfati "Shame on Charisma!" creation.com/rosspc, May 29, 2003.

Such an idea is preposterous, because the Jerusalem Council involved the Apostles (Acts 15:6), thus James's decision in verse 13 ff. had apostolic authority. Jesus gave the power of "binding

and loosing” to Peter, then to all His apostles (Matt. 16:20). In a Jewish frame of reference, these terms had legislative meanings: “to bind” meant to forbid something, and “to loose” meant to permit something. No one today has this level of authority. A major reason for the need for such authority was that the New Testament was not yet written, so the Church needed to be guided by the Apostles. Now that the Canon of Scripture is closed, and the Apostles are no longer alive, the Church is to be guided by Scripture alone (2 Tim. 3:15–17). Sarfati, *Refuting Compromise*, 36.

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Matt. 16:19-I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

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Acts 10:44-48-⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.** ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?”⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

Gal. 3:28-There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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2 Cor. 12:12- The **signs of a true apostle** were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

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2 Pet. 1:1-**Simon** Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Acts 13:2-While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the **Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 16:9-A **vision appeared to Paul** in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

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Exod. 34:15-otherwise you might make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and they would play the harlot with their

gods and sacrifice to their gods, and someone might invite you to eat of his sacrifice.

1 Cor. 9:19-23-¹⁹ For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. ²³ I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

Lev. 18-6-18-⁶ ‘None of you shall approach any blood relative of his to uncover nakedness; I am the Lord. ⁷ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness. ⁸ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife; it is your father’s nakedness. ⁹ The nakedness of your sister, either your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover. ¹⁰ The nakedness of your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for their nakedness is yours. ¹¹ The nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹² You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister; she is your father’s blood relative. ¹³ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister, for she is your mother’s blood relative. ¹⁴ You shall not

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Lev. 17:13- So, when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

Lev. 17:10-14-¹⁰ 'And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.' ¹² Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.' ¹³ So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. ¹⁴ 'For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

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Acts 6:5-The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

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2 Tim. 2:18-men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they **upset the faith of some**.

John 2:15-And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and **overturned their tables**.

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Acts 1:23-So, they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

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Acts 20:28-Be on guard for yourselves and for 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.

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1 Cor. 14:3- But one who prophesies speaks to men for **edification and exhortation and consolation**.

Acts 20:7- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and **he prolonged his message until midnight**.

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Acts 13:13- Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

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Gen. 13:9- Is not the whole land before you? Please **separate** from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left.

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