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The Hard and Glorious Work of Getting Along – Particularly With Other Believers

Principle #1 (v1-18): **Listen**

v1-3: *The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers (today we would call them "Messianic Christians" - Jews who had accepted their own Messiah)* ***criticized*** *him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men...and ate with them!"*

v4: *...Peter began and* ***explained everything*** *to to them* ***precisely*** *as it had happened...*

v17: *So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us* (the HS!)*, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God! (*v18): "*When they heard this, they had* ***no further objections...****,* ***<u>and</u> praised God...****, saying, 'So then, God has granted* ***even to the Gentiles*** *repentance unto life."*

James 1.19: *My dear brothers and sisters - take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.*

App 1:

Principle Two: **Encourage**

v22...*news reached the ears of the Jerusalem church...*
v23: "...*he* ***encouraged*** *them all to remain true to the Lord with all of their hearts."*

App 2:

Principle Three: **Maintain**

15.36: "*Lets go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.*"

15.39: "*a sharp disagreement...*

Mt 5.25: *Settle matters quickly...*