



"How The Gospel Spreads Despite Gospel-Threatening Teaching-Pt. 4"

*In Acts 15-16:5, there are 3 ways that threats to the gospel
can be neutralized by contending for the faith:*

I. By highlighting what God has done through his grace—vv.1-18

1. The attack on God's grace must be recognized and confronted—vv.1-6
2. The testifying to God's grace must be definitive and polarizing—vv.7-12
3. The teaching of God's grace must be biblical and indiscriminate—vv.13-18

II. By preserving the unity of the church through their love—vv.19-29

1. The unity of the church is preserved by considering the edification of all—vv.19-21
2. The unity of the church is preserved by obeying the Holy Spirit's guidelines—vv.22-29

III. By seeking to strengthen the church through their ministry—vv.30-16:5

1. Through persistent instruction—vv.30-35

(Col 1:28-29, 3:16)

2. Through caring intentionality—vv.36-41

(1 Thess 3:5; Acts 20:24)

3. Through costly sacrifice—16:1-5

(Gal 2:3; 1 John 4:10-11)