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Acts 15v11

No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.

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 - James – it was always God's plan to include the Gentiles

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 - The conclusion (v19) – *“It is my judgement, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.”*

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Acts 15v20

Instead, we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.

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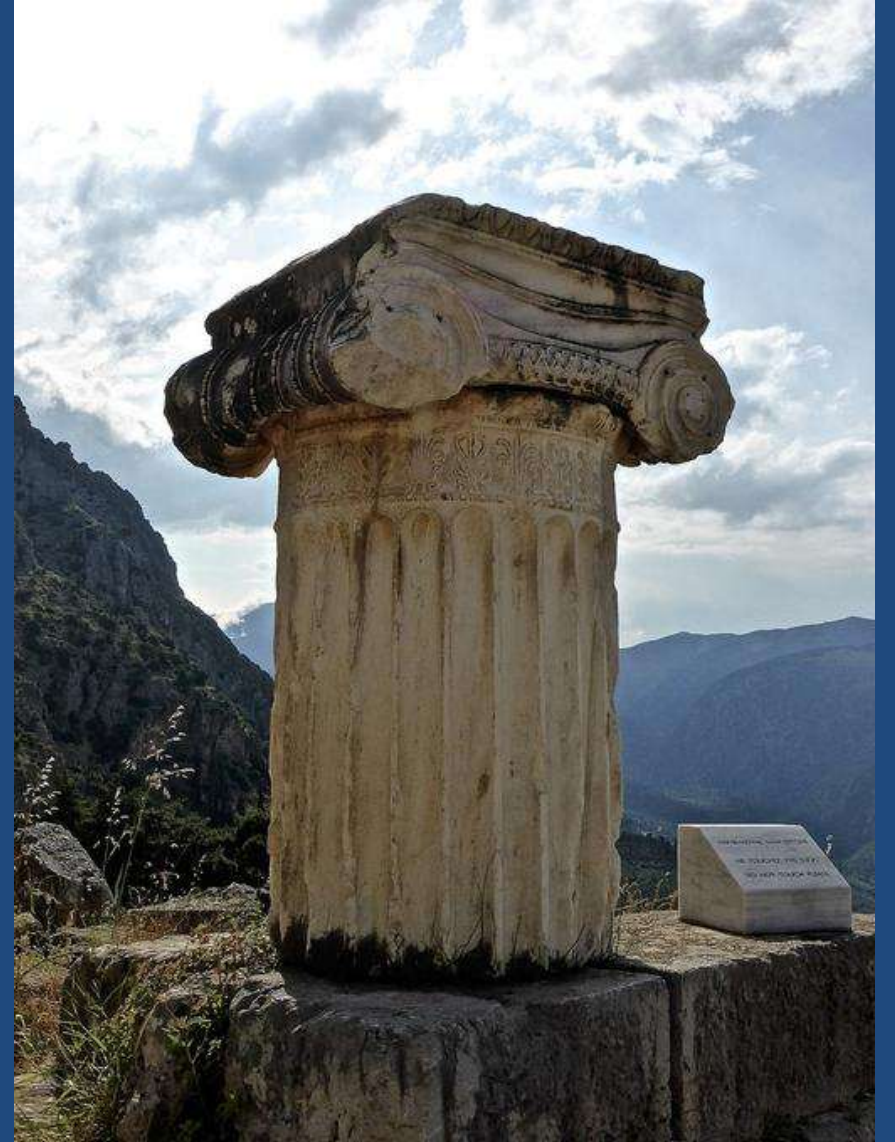
The communication (v22-35)

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