



:: Everybody Is Included ::

## INTRODUCTION

Most people don't have a problem with God. After all, plenty of people show up for church on Christmas and Easter. Unfortunately, people *do* have a problem with the church. For centuries Christians have made Christianity so complex that people simply write it off as irrelevant and confusing. Today we'll see how this problem surfaced in the very early days of the church, how they dealt with it then, and how we should deal with it now.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How were you introduced to Christianity? Did it seem simple or complicated at the time?
2. The Jewish Christians were adding circumcision to the list of things you needed to do in order to become a Christian. Over the years, and especially today, how have Christians complicated the message of Christianity?
3. Why do people display a tendency to make things complicated?
4. What is the simple message of Christianity? How can we continue to keep the message of Christianity easy and accessible to people?
5. What is the danger of becoming insider-focused? What happens when we make church difficult and confusing?

## READ

*It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Acts 15:19*