

What to Do with Gentiles?

Widespread conversion of Gentiles forced the early Christian church to face several important questions. Robert Gundry lists these:

- Should Gentile Christians be required to submit to circumcision and practice the Jewish way of life, as Gentile proselytes to Judaism were required to do?
- To those Gentile Christians unwilling to become wholly Jewish, should the church grant a second-class citizenship, as for Gentile “God-fearers” in Judaism?
- What makes a person Christian: faith in Christ solely, or faith in Christ plus adherence to the principles and practices of Judaism?

See Robert H. Gundry, *Introduction to the New Testament*, 4th ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003), 352.