



while some disagreed. It was decided then that they should consult the apostles in Jerusalem to resolve the conflict. It was to seek unity in their faith and actions with the Church. In the First Council of Jerusalem, it was decided that the Gentile believers do not need to be circumcised, not to be burdened with the Mosaic laws. It was an important decision which promoted Christianity beyond the Jewish community.

The believers were delighted with the teachings and guidance of the Church, just as we are. John's vision of this new city, **the New Jerusalem, is a symbol of hope and the promise of a future with God**, the union of heaven and earth where God's glory shine and the whole universe is ordered according to God's plan. There is no need for a temple in the city because God is present everywhere. God and the Lamb are its temple and light.

This Gospel reading is a part of Jesus' Last Supper discourses. It was a run-up to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. It was a farewell speech. Jesus told of His desire to abide in them, that if they love Him, He and the Father will come to them. To allay the fears of his disciples, He promised them the Advocate. The Father will send them the Holy Spirit who will teach them everything and remind them of everything He had taught them. And finally, He told them not to be afraid because He will leave them His peace which is divine. These three messages are for us too. We do not need to fear if we continue to love Him and let the Holy Spirit lead us. Come, Holy Spirit, we need you. ✠

"A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: May I? Thank You, and I'm Sorry and never, never, never end the day without making peace."

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalms 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

John 14: 23-29

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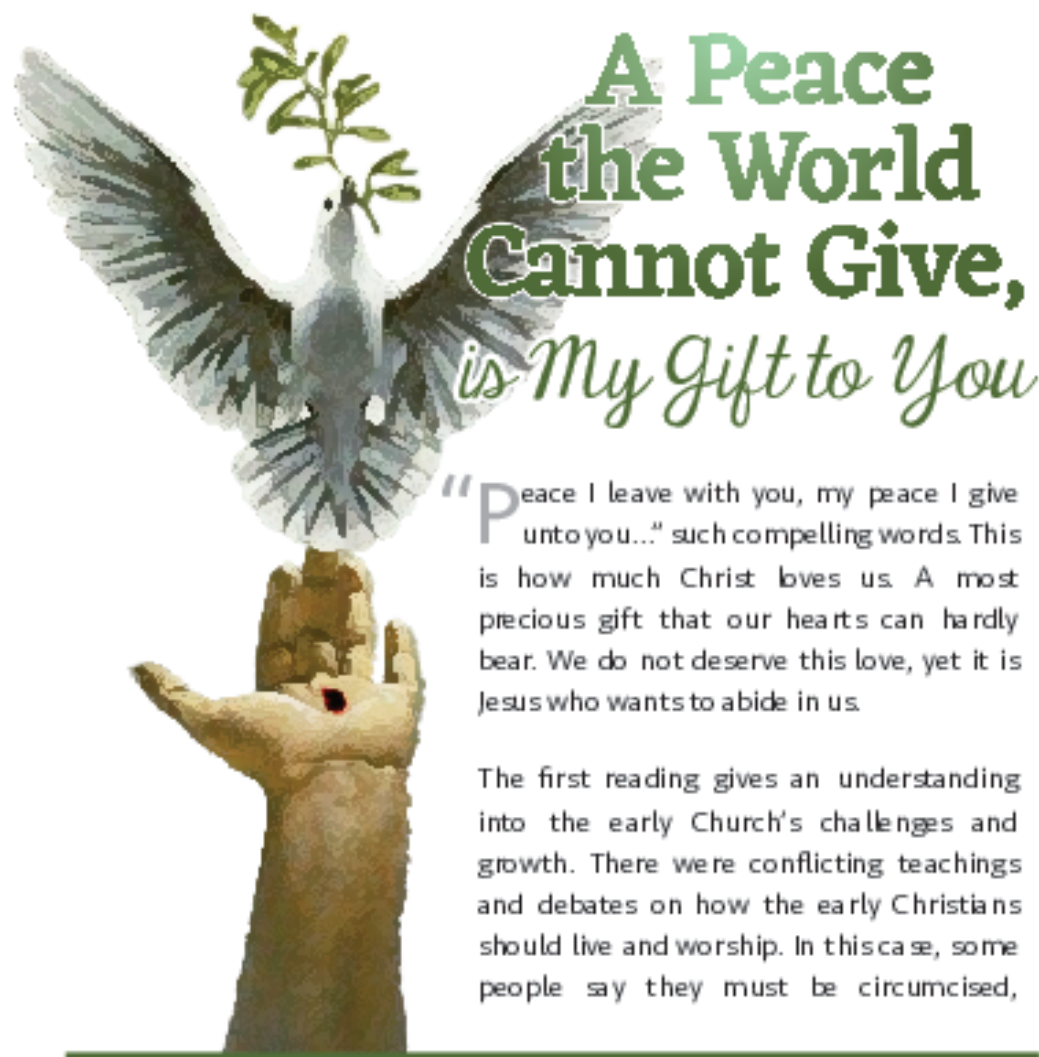
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The first reading gives an understanding into the early Church's challenges and growth. There were conflicting teachings and debates on how the early Christians should live and worship. In this case, some people say they must be circumcised,