

# Acts 15:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

## Analysis

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The council acknowledges that 'certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls.' The Greek 'anaskeuazō' (subvert, unsettle) shows the destructive nature of false teaching. Importantly, these troublemakers went out 'to whom we gave no such commandment,' disclaiming any official authorization for their legalism.

## Historical Context

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False teachers often claimed apostolic authority they didn't possess. This official repudiation protected Gentile churches from ongoing Judaizing pressure and established that the Jerusalem church supported Gentile freedom.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does false teaching 'subvert' souls and undermine faith?
2. What responsibility do church leaders have to refute error in their name?
3. How can you discern between authorized teaching and unauthorized imposters?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐπειδὴ ἠκούσαμεν ὅτι τινὲς ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξελθόντες  
**Forasmuch as we have heard that certain from us which went out**  
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ἐτάραξαν ὑμᾶς λόγοις ἀνασκευάζοντες τὰς ψυχὰς  
**have troubled you with words subverting** G3588 **souls**  
G5015 G5209 G3056 G384 G5590

ὑμῶν λέγοντες περιτέμνεσθαι καὶ τηρεῖν τὸν νόμον,  
**your saying Ye must be circumcised and keep** G3588 **the law**  
G5216 G3004 G4059 G2532 G5083 G3551

οἷς οὐ διεσπειλάμεθα  
**to whom no such commandment**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:1** (Parallel theme): And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

**Galatians 5:12** (Parallel theme): I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

**Galatians 5:10** (Parallel theme): I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

**Galatians 1:7** (Parallel theme): Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

**1 John 2:19** (Parallel theme): They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

**2 Timothy 2:14** (Word): Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

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