

# Acts 19:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

## Analysis

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When 'divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude,' Paul 'departed from them, and separated the disciples.' This separation from the synagogue marked Christianity's emergence as distinct from Judaism. Paul's withdrawal prevented unbelievers from hindering believers' growth. Sometimes separation is necessary for gospel advance.

## Historical Context

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Paul's separation initiated the pattern where Christianity became increasingly Gentile-dominated. He moved to 'the school of Tyrannus,' a lecture hall where he could teach daily without synagogue restrictions.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. When is separation from unbelievers necessary versus premature?
2. How does persistent unbelief harden hearts and harm faith communities?
3. What does it mean to speak evil of 'the way' (Christianity)?

## Interlinear Text

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ὥς	δέ	τινός	ἐσκληρύνοντο	καὶ	ἠπεΐθουν	
when	But	divers	were hardened	and	believed not	
G5613	G1161	G5100	G4645	G2532	G544	
κακολογοῦντες	τὴν	ὁδὸν	ἐνώπιον	τοῦ	πλήθους	
but spake evil		of that way	before		the multitude	
G2551	G3588	G3598	G1799	G3588	G4128	
ἀποστὰς	ἀπ'	αὐτῶν	ἀφώρισεν	τοὺς	μαθητάς	καθ'
he departed	from	them	and separated		the disciples	daily
G868	G575	G846	G873	G3588	G3101	G2596
ἡμέραν	διαλεγόμενος	ἐν	τῇ	σχολῇ	Τυράννου	τινός
	disputing	in		the school	Tyrannus	divers
G2250	G1256	G1722	G3588	G4981	G5181	G5100

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 19:23** (Parallel theme): And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

**Acts 9:2** (Parallel theme): And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

**Acts 14:4** (Parallel theme): But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

**2 Peter 2:12** (Evil): But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

**Hebrews 3:13** (Parallel theme): But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**Acts 7:51** (Parallel theme): Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

**Acts 22:4** (Parallel theme): And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

**2 Peter 2:2** (Evil): And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

**Jude 1:10** (Evil): But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.