

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

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

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

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

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

ώς δέ τινός ἐσκληρύνοντο καὶ ἡπείθουν
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

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.