

ARGUE, PERSUADE,

Is it Biblical to Reason,

Argue & Persuade the

Scriptures?







After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days <u>argued</u> <u>with them from the</u> <u>scriptures</u>,

Acts 17:1-2 NRSV

GREEK DEFINITION

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- Leading to think different things with one's self, mingle thought with thought
 - A. to ponder, revolve in mind
- Ito converse, discourse with one, argue, discuss

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

διαλέγομαι dialégomai, dee-al-eg'-om-ahee; middle voice from G1223 and G3004; to say thoroughly, i.e. discuss (in argument or exhortation):—dispute, preach (unto), reason (with), speak.



4 Every Sabbath he would <u>argue</u> in the synagogue and <u>would try to</u>

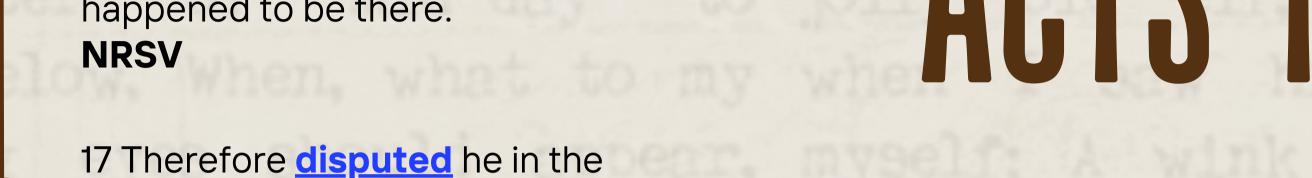
convince Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:4 NRSV

a. **to persuade**, i. e. to induce one by words to believe: absolutely **πείσας μετέστησεν ἰκανόν ὄχλον**, Acts 19:26; **τί**, **to cause belief in a thing** (which one sets forth), Acts 19:8 R G T [cf. Buttmann, 150 (131) n.] (Sophocles O. C. 1442); **τερί** with the genitive of the thing, ibid. L Tr WH; **τινά**, one, Acts 18:4; **τινά τι**, one of a thing, Acts 28:23 Rec. (Herodotus 1, 163; Plato, Apology, p. 37 a., and elsewhere; [cf. Buttmann, as above]); **τινὰ περί τινος**, concerning a thing, ibid. G L T Tr WH.



17 So he <u>argued</u> in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.





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43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 13:43



43 And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, <u>urged</u> them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 13:43

Convince PERSUADE 2



11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:11



11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:11

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be <u>debates</u>, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

2 Corinthians 13:20 KJV

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

contention, strife, wrangling

Strong's Definitions [?]

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ἔρις éris, er'-is; of uncertain affinity; a quarrel, i.e. (by implication) wrangling:— contention, debate, strife, variance.



20 For I fear that when I come I may find you not as I wish and that you may find me not as you wish; I fear that there may perhaps be **quarreling**, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

2 Corinthians 13:20 NRSV

It is Biblical to Reason, Argue(stating your case), and Persuade using the scriptures. The problem is when people fight and get **belligerent** (hostile and aggressive). We should be able to discuss or argue our case without getting hostile or combative. Sometimes, people who are insecure on their stance according to the word of God do not want to have a discussion.