

*Reason,*

**ARGUE, PERSUADE?**

Is it Biblical to Reason,  
**Argue & Persuade** the  
Scriptures?



# Thistle PAUL

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 argued with them from the scriptures,

**Acts 17:1-2 NRSV**

# GREEK DEFINITION

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to think different things with one's self, mingle thought with thought
  - A. to ponder, revolve in mind
- II. to 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.


*Argue*

CONVINCE

4 Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

### Acts 18:4 NRSV

a. to persuade, i. e. to induce one by words to believe: absolutely **ΠΕΪΣΑΣ** **ΜΕΤΕΪΣΤΗΣΕΝ ΙΚΑΝΟΝ 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]); **τινά περί τίνος**, concerning a thing, *ibid.* G L T Tr WH.



# ACTS 17:17

01

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

**NRSV**

02

17 Therefore **disputed** he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

**KJV**

03

17 So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

**ESV**

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# Convince

# PERSUADE

**01** KJV

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**

**02** ESV

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, **urged** them to continue in the grace of God.

**Acts 13:43**

# Convince

# PERSUADE 2

## 01 KJV

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**

## 02 NRSV

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**

# DEFINITION

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 debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

## 2 Corinthians 13:20 KJV

### Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

/. contention, strife, wrangling

### Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

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



# DON'T FIGHT

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.