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The Separation of Church and State

*(Supported by the Scripture — Acts 18:12-17)*

The separation of church and state is supported by the Scriptures in Acts 18:12-17, — The account of the Jews taking Paul before the judgment seat of Gallio, the proconsul of Achaia.

"Christian cults" named by Christian cult groups or awareness groups can learn much by this episode recorded here in Acts 18:12. As written in this scripture, the Jews made a united attack against Paul and brought him to court before Gallio. Paul was suffering righteous persecution due to preaching the good news at the leading of the Holy Spirit Acts 18:9-11.

Acts 18:13 is the premise of all Christian cult awareness groups who are dedicated to destroying all groups who choose to exercise their God given right of religious freedom even as Acts 4:18,19; 5:17-20; and Acts 5:33-39 say. What is stated here is the prime example of how Christian leaders and cult experts ought to conduct themselves. What is said in these verses should serve as an example all through Christian history, instead of having examples passed down of the inquisition and murders. Acts 18:12-17 is the premise of all religious persecution against leaders, who promote anything different from the traditions of the elders.

But what wise men such as Gallio said to the Jews who were persecuting Godly men like Paul was that they would respect the separation of church and state and that he himself felt like he couldn't even judge such matters. So when the Jews brought Paul before him, he drove them away. Where today are such rulers? 1 Peter 2:14