

File under: αἵρεσις or haireisis

English: "sect"

A number of words should be considered here. By putting all the NT passages together a person is more able to see the related meanings.

- αἰρέομαι - haireomai - "to-select"
- αἰρετιζω - hairetizo - "to-single-out"
- αἰρετικός - hairetikos - "heretical"
- διαίρεσις - diairesis - "allotment"
- διαίρω - diaireo - "to-allot"

αἰρέομαι KING JAMES ☆

Phil. 1:22. what I shall choose I wot not.
 2Th. 2:13. hath from the beginning chosen you
 Heb 11:25. Choosing rather to suffer

αἵρεσις KING JAMES ◀

Acts 5:17. which is the sect of the Sadducees
 15: 5. certain of the sect of the Pharisees
 24: 5. of the sect of the Nazarenes:
 14. the way which they call heresy,
 28: 5. straitest sect of our religion
 28:22. for as concerning this sect,
 1Co.11:19. there must be also heresies
 Gal. 5:20. strife, seditions, heresies,
 2Pet.2: 1. shall bring in damnable heresies,

αἰρετιζω KING JAMES ●

Mt 12:18. my servant, whom I have chosen

αἰρετικός KING JAMES ☆

Ti 3:10. A man that is an heretic..reject

διαίρεσις KING JAMES ☆

1 Co 12:4. Now there are diversities of gifts
 1 Co 12:5. there are differences of administrations
 1 Co 12:6. there are diversities of operations

διαίρω KING JAMES ☆

Lk 15:12. he divided unto them (his) living
 1 Co 12:11. dividing to every man severally as

These indicators will help keep the NT passages related to the correct Greek word. The brown (KJ) concordance lines are to help you see how the KJ varies. The KJ translates 6 Greek words by "choose", which makes study difficult. The word αἵρεσις - (haireisis) can be translated by "sect" or "heresy"; but "heresy" gives the "interpretation" that some "sect" might be wrong. I use "sect" only, and leave the theology to the student.

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† διαίρω, † διαίρεσις.

διαίρω has at least five meanings in secular usage: "to dissolve or break"; "to distinguish"; both generally and logically; "to decide"; "to distribute"; "to apportion". The last two are most common in the LXX. Cf. Gn. 4:7; 15:10; 32:7; Lv. 1:12 and Jos. 18:4 f.; Jdt. 16:24; 1 Macc. 1:6; 6:35 etc.

In the NT it obviously means "to apportion and distribute." as in Lk 15:12: τὸν βίον; 1 C. 12:11: τὸ ἐν καὶ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα, διαίρουσιν ἰδίᾳ ἑκάστῳ καθὼς βούλεται. The πνεῦμα allots the gifts of the Spirit to the various members of the community according to His will.

* I have avoided the confusion by using the word "to allot."

PHILIPPIANS 1 CT ☆

21 For to-me to-be-living is Messiah and to-die-off is gain.
 22 But if it-is to-be-living in the flesh, this to-me is a fruit of-work, and which I-shall-select I-am not making-known.

II THESSALONIANS 2 CT ☆

13 But we ourselves are-being-indebted to-be-giving-thanks to-the God always concerning YOU, brothers having-been-and-still-cherished by Jehovah, because the God selected YOU for-himself firstfruit with-reference-to salvation in holiness of-spirit and trust of-truth,

HEBREWS 11 CT ☆

24 By-trust Moses having-become great denied its being-said he-was-a son of a daughter of-Pharaoh,
 25 Rather selecting-for-himself to-be-being-afflicted-with the people-of-the God than to-be-having enjoyment of-sin for-a-season,

I can not always give as much of a passage as I might wish, because of space. A "sect" is not necessarily heretical. Your own theological belief is a "sect."

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ACTS 5 CT ◀

17 But the chief-priest having-stood-up and all the *ones* with him, being the sect of-the Sadducees, they-were-filled-full of-jealousy.

ACTS 15 CT ◀

5 But some of-the *ones* having-trusted-and-still-trusting, from the sect of-the Pharisees stood-forth, saying that it-is-essential to-be-circumcising them and-additionally to-be-delivering-a-message to-be-keeping the law of-Moses.

ACTS 24 CT ◀

5 For having-found the man, this pestilence, also moving strife among-all the Jews, the-*ones* throughout the inhabited-earth and-additionally one-standing-first of-the sect of-the Nazarenes,

ACTS 24 CT ◀

14 But I-am-confessing this to-you, that according-to the way which they-are-saying is a sect, thus I-am-serving the ancestral God, trusting in-all the-things according-to the law and the-things having-been-written-and-still-written in the prophets,

ACTS 26 CT ◀

5 Coming-to-know me before from-above, if they-might-be-willing to-be-bearing-witness, that according-to the most-exact sect of-our religion I-lived a Pharisee.

ACTS 28 CT ◀

21 But the *ones* said to him: We ourselves-received neither letters concerning you from the Judea, nor *has* anyone of-the brothers having-come-to-be-alongside reported or spoken anything evil concerning you.

22 But we-are-thinking-worthy to-hear from you what-things you-are-having-an-opinion-of; for on-the-one-hand concerning this sect it-is known to-us that everywhere it-is-being-contradicted.

I CORINTHIANS 11 CT ◀

18 For first on-the-one-hand, of-YOU coming-together in assembly, I-am-hearing splits to-be-existing among YOU, and I-am-trusting some part.

19 For it-is even essential to-be sects among YOU, in-order-that the *ones* approved might-become manifest among YOU.

GALATIONS 5 CT ◀

19 But the works of-the flesh are manifest, they-which are prostitution, uncleanness, wantonness,

20 Idolatry, use-of-drugs, enmities, quarreling, jealousy, angers, ambitious-rivalries, dissensions, sects,

21 Envyings, drunkennesses, revellings, and the-things like to-these, which-things I-am-saying-before-hand to-YOU according-as I-said-before, that the *ones* practicing the-things such-as-these will not inherit God's kingdom.

↖ The Sadducees were very literal interpreters of the Law and in the time of Jesus most or all High Priests were Sadducees. Pharisees also were a "sect". Jesus spoke of "the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Matt. 16:6 These were the religious leaders.

↖ The Nazarenes were the followers of Jesus. Paul belonged to a "sect".
↖ The new "sect" of the Christians was being heard about everywhere.

In 1 Cor. 11:18,19 we have a passage which is variously understood. The word "splits" in vs. 18 is said to be differences of opinion etc. Note vs. 19 "sects" are "essential" and in Gal. 5:20 "sects" (in a bad sense) is placed among other evils. In every NT use of "sects" the basis is a doctrinal difference.

The various "sects" are essential to cause the true believers to search out truth from the word of God.

↖ Modern "sects" are "denominations". They are listed as "works of-the flesh".

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II PETER 2 CT ◀

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17 But there-became also false-prophets among the people, as also among YOU there-will-be false-teachers, they-who will-introduce sects-of-destruction, and denying the Despot having-bought them *in-the-market* leading-on themselves quick destruction;

◀ False-teachers in the NT assemblies were prophesied, and they would introduce "sects of destruction." All church denominations are "sects" and each denomination calls the other denomination a "heresy." (See KJ)

MATTHEW 12 CT ●

17 In-which-case the-thing having-been-said through Isaiah the prophet might-be-fulfilled, saying,
18 Behold my male-servant whom I-singled-out, my cherished with-reference-to whom my soul thought-well. I-shall-put my Spirit upon him, and he-will-report judgement to-the Gentiles.

TITUS 3 CT ★

8 The word is trustworthy, and concerning these-things I-am-purposing you to-be-asserting-confidently, in-order-that the ones having-trusted-and-still-trusting God might-be-being-concerned to-be-standing of-fine works before-for-themselves. These-things are fine and profitable to-the MEN;

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de-nom'i-na'tion (dē-nōm'ī-nā'shūn), n. [Of. L. *denominatio* metonymy, F. *dénomination* a naming.] 1. Act of denominating, or naming.
2. That by which anything is denominated or styled; an appellation; a name, designation, or title; esp., a general name for a class of like individuals; a category.
[Qualities] classed under the *denomination* of sublime. *Burke*.
3. A class, or society of individuals, called by the same name; a sect; as, a *denomination* of Christians.

9 But stupid debates and genealogies and quarreling and legal fights you-be-standing-around-away-from-for-yourself; for they-are futile and aimless.

10 An heretical MAN after one and a second admonition you-be-refusing-for-yourself,

11 Knowing-absolutely that the one such-as-this has-been-and-is-still-turned-inside-out and he-is-sinning being self-condemned.



I CORINTHIANS 12 CT ★★ ★

4 But there-are allotments of-bestowed-favors, but the same Spirit;

5 And there-are allotments of-ministries, and the same Lord;

6 And there-are allotments of-operations, but the same God, the one operating all the things in all persons.

11 But all these-things the one and the same Spirit is-operating, allotting to-each one privately according-as he-is-purposing. ★

LUKE 15 CT ★

11 But he-said, A certain man was-having two sons;

12 And the younger of-them said to-the father, Father, you-give to-me the casting-on part of-the property. And he-allotted to-them the means-of-living.

Note vs.8, "the word is trustworthy", not KJ, but the Hebrew OT and Greek NT. Whether a man is an "heretical MAN" must be determined by the word. To try to eliminate denominations is contrary to the word. I used "to-allot" (★) for the verb and "allotment" (★) for the noun. (See Arndt

and Gingrich, A Greek-English Lexicon of the NT) Neither of these English words are used in KJ; while KJ uses "divide" for 3 Greek verbs and "to-be-divided" by 4 more. This entire group of words is really associated with the verb "to-select" (★). You select your theology by study, hence a "sect." God thoroughly-selects your gift, hence "allots." God allots as the Spirit purposes.