

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Knowing God is the key to contentment (Philippians 4:11), happiness (Psalm 33:12; 144:15), and peace (Isaiah 26:3; Romans 8:6). In times of crisis, it is “the people who know their God” who “will display strength and take action” (Daniel 11:32).
- 2) *17:16* Paul was not in Athens as a tourist. He saw Athens as a city full of lost people, doomed to eternity without Jesus.
- 3) *17:17* Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy before starting their mission, but he could not keep from proclaiming the Good News about Jesus when he entered the synagogue.
- 4) *17:18* Epicureans—atheists; materialists; sought to enjoy life by keeping things in balance
Stoics—rejected pagan worship; believed everything was “god;” sought to follow reason, to be self-sufficient and unaffected by inner feelings
- 5) *17:19* Paul was not on trial; the Athenians simply wanted him to explain what he had been telling people.
- 6) *17:21* They did not have a genuine interest in the gospel; they were simply consumed with the latest news, the latest gossip, the latest gadget.
- 7) *17:24* The idea of a single supreme being and creator of all that exists was totally foreign and was indeed an “unknown God.”
- 8) *17:25* If God is God, He is self-sufficient and needs nothing we can supply.
- 9) *17:26* All men are equal, because all are created by God.
- 10) *17:27* God’s purpose and desire is that people might seek him and find him.
- 11) *17:29* God made man in His image, therefore it is foolish for man to make gods in our image.

12) *17:30* All that ignorance was overlooked (Romans 3:25) because God has always been more interested in repentance than in judgment. This does not mean men were not guilty (Romans 1:19–20), but only that God held back His wrath temporarily.

- 13) *17:31* There are no excuses because the proof is in. All will be judged by what they do with this truth!
- To reject Jesus is to reject the intervention of God on behalf of man.
 - To reject Jesus is to open oneself up to future judgment.

- 14) *17:32-33* Three typical responses to the Gospel:
- Some will simply ridicule the message.
 - Some will not be convinced, but are still willing to hear more.
 - Some will respond in faith.

“Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?”
Science attempts to answer the first question.
Philosophy wrestles with the second.
Only Jesus has the answer to all three.

GREEK WORDS

Paroxunō (par-ox-oo'-no)—to become angry, or infuriated, to exasperate
:- provoke, stir.

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