

Acts 17:16-34 “The Gospel and... The Educated”

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Educated, Skeptical, Confused and Searching

- Science: Evidence of an Accident
- Religion and Atheism

How the Gospel Offers Truth and Hope

Acts 17:16-21

2nd Missionary Journey- Athens

- Intellectual Center, Philosophy & Life Q's
- Religious Center 3000 Idol gods
- Each god Represented a Lifestyle

2 Main Philosophies

- Epicureans: Materialists, Pleasure & Happiness
- Stoics: Pantheists, Fatalists, You are God!

Acts 17:22-23

Paul Shares with Pagans- Unfamiliar with Bible

- Very Religious! Not Sarcasm... A Bridge

God Provides Cultural Bridges to the Gospel

- Peace Child- Don Richardson
- Unknown God “In Case We Missed One, God”

Acts 17:24-25

#1 The Greatness of the Creator God

- Logic: Worshipping Creation Stops Short
- Rom 1:20 the Invisible is Clearly Seen
- God does not Live in a Building!

#2 The Goodness of God

- Giver, Provider & Sustainer
- God Needs Nothing

Acts 17:26-29

#3 The Government of God

- Sovereign, Involved, Controller of His Plan
- Moving Toward the 2nd coming of Jesus

God is Not Hiding

- Can be Found and Known
- Quoting Secular Sources

Acts 17:30-31

#4 The Grace and Judgment of God

- Patiently Withheld Deserved Punishment
- Final Revelation: Jesus, Time to Repent

Time and Opportunity

- Rom 2:4 Goodness Leads to Repentance
- Every Person at the CROSS road\

Acts 17:32-34

3 Responses to the Gospel

- Believe, Mock, Postpone
- The Most Dangerous Day of the Week?

Christianity, the Only Logical, Transcendent Faith