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## **TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

**THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

*The Book of Acts - Part 33*

### **WHAT WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR**

***The Heart and the Hammer of the Gospel***

**(Acts 17:16-34)**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **A PREVIOUS PRINCIPLE REVIEWED:**

- That which we \_\_\_\_\_ — the gospel and the apostolic teaching concerning the Person and Work of Jesus Christ — is to be \_\_\_\_\_ held, \_\_\_\_\_ lived, and \_\_\_\_\_ proclaimed.

#### **1A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ HE WITNESSED IN ATHENS. (v. 16)**

*“Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, **his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols...**”*

- Athens is a city full of \_\_\_\_\_, ... full of \_\_\_\_\_, ... and full of \_\_\_\_\_, ... and Paul could not be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **2A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ HE WITNESSED IN ATHENS. (v. 17-21)**

*“So **he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place** every day with those who happened to be present. **And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him.** Some were saying, ‘What would this idle babbler wish to say?’ Others, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,’—because **he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.** And **they took him and brought him to the Areopagus...**” (v 17-19a)*

3A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ HE WITNESSED IN ATHENS. (v. 22-31)

"So Paul **stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said**, 'Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and **examining the objects of your worship**, I also found an altar with this inscription, "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD."'"

1B. The Day of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 23b-29)

**"...Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you..."**

- Let me introduce you to the One and Only True God, the **Sovereign** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to whom we are \_\_\_\_\_.

1C. He is \_\_\_\_\_ us! (v. 24)

**"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands..."**

2C. He is \_\_\_\_\_ us! (v. 25)

**"...nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things..."**

3C. He is \_\_\_\_\_ us! (v. 26-28)

**"...and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,"<sup>27</sup> that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;<sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'<sup>29</sup> "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man."**

2B. The Day of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 30)

**"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent..."**

3B. The Day of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 31)

**"...because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."**

CONCLUSION: