

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV and CNVS)

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

³我从前领受了又传交给你们那最要紧的，就是基督照着圣经所记的，为我们的罪死了，⁴又埋葬了，又照着圣经所记的，第三天复活了；⁵并且曾经向矶法显现，然后向十二使徒显现。⁶以后又有一次向五百多个弟兄显现。他们中间大多数到现今还在，也有些已经睡了。⁷以后也向雅各显现，再后又向众使徒显现，⁸最后也向我显现；我好象一个未到产期而生的人。

Christ | Jesus

Sins | Putting anything or anyone in God's rightful place

Scriptures | The Old Testament part of the Bible

Raised | Brought from death to life

Cephas | Another name for Peter

The Twelve | Jesus' twelve closest followers, often called the disciples

Brothers and sisters | fellows Christians

Fallen asleep | died

James | One of the twelve disciples

Apostles | One sent as a messenger. The apostles were sent by Jesus to tell the world about Him.

The DVD-teaching is accompanied by a celebrity. The content is as follows:

- If we trust in anything other than God for our ultimate security, we will “die a million deaths” before we actually die
- When we live for power, approval, comfort, or control, then when we don't get those things, we feel as if life isn't worth living
- These “gods” promise life, but they can't deliver from death
- Jesus demonstrated that He can deliver us from death. He proved that by overcoming death Himself
- Jesus' resurrection delivers us, not just from “literal” death, but also from the “million deaths” we would suffer if we don't submit to Christ.
- A person can only stop trusting idols if their desire something else (or someone else) is greater. We need to see Jesus Christ as more desirable to us than anything else.

Acts 17: 22-31 (NIV and CNVS)

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

²² 保罗站在亚略·巴古当中，说：“各位雅典人，我看你们在各方面都非常敬畏鬼神。²³ 我走路的时候，仔细看你们所敬拜的，发现有一座坛，上面写着‘献给不认识的神’。我现在把你们不认识而敬拜的这位神，传给你们。²⁴ 创造宇宙和其中万有的神，既然是天地的主，就不住在人手所造的殿宇，²⁵ 也不受人手的服事，好象他缺少甚么；他自己反而把生命、气息和一切，赐给万人。²⁶ 他从一个本源造出了万族来，使他们住在整个大地上，并且定了他们的期限和居住的疆界，²⁷ 要他们寻求神，或者可以摸索而找到他。其实他离我们各人都不远，²⁸ 因着他我们可以生存、活动、存在，就如你们有些诗人说：‘原来我们也是他的子孙。’²⁹ 我们既然是神的子孙，就不应该以为他的神性是好象人用手艺、心思所雕刻的金银石头一样。³⁰ 过去那无知的时代，神不加以追究；现在，他却吩咐各处的人都要悔改，³¹ 因为他已经定好了日子，要借着他所立的人，按公义审判天下，并且使他从死人中复活，给万人作一个可信的凭据。”

Religious | Devoted to a god or gods

Proclaim | Announce/tell

Offspring | Children and descendants

The divine being | God

Repent | To turn away from sin and turn back to God

Discussion questions session 6

1. In Acts 17:22 Paul says, “I see that in every way you are very religious”. From your own experience, do you think “non-religious” or “anti-religious” people can be religious?

2. Paul then compares the real God with the false gods that people worship instead.
 - Who is the real “Lord of heaven and earth”, according to the first part of verse 24?
 - How is this God different to their idols, according to the end of verse 24?

3. What is the other difference between God and idols, according to verse 25?

4. From what you’ve heard in this session, how do you think the following idols “need” to be served?
 - physical beauty
 - approval of others
 - money

5. The resurrection shows that, in Christ, we can have life after death. Look again at verse 31.
What else does the resurrection show?

6. If we’ve come to realize that we’ve been serving idols rather than “the God who made the world and everything in it” (verse 24), what must we do, according to verse 30? What would it take for you to do this?

7. What has been the most striking for you during this session?