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**ACTS**

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**THE UNKOWN GOD**

**Acts 17:22 ESV**

*22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.*

1. In order to share my faith with a secular culture, I have to win their \_\_\_\_\_.

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

- He started in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner.

**1 Peter 3:15 ESV**

*15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

- He complemented what was most \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

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2. In order to share my faith with a secular culture, I have to expose their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Acts 17:23 ESV**

23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

3. In order to share my faith with a secular culture, I have to be willing to tell them the \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

**Acts 17:24–27 ESV**

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

- He's not a God who's found in the \_\_\_\_\_ created hopes of mankind.
- He's not a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ by man's worship.
- He's not just one of the gods, He's The \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- He's not a God who will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

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**Romans 10:14 ESV**

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

**Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one

**Romans 3:10–12 ESV**

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

**Romans 3:23–24 ESV**

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

4. In order to share my faith with a secular culture, I have to reason \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

**Acts 17:28-29 ESV**

28 for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.' 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

5. In order to share my faith with a secular culture, I have to point them to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 17:30–31 ESV**

30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Fact # 1 - There's no more \_\_\_\_\_.

Fact #2 - \_\_\_\_\_ is coming back.

**Acts 17:32–34 ESV**

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.