

# Acts 17:16-34



1. Paul in \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:16-21)
  - A. Paul was distressed at seeing a city full of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:16)
  - B. Despite his strong emotional reaction, Paul acted with restraint and \_\_\_\_\_ with the people. (Acts 17:17)
  - C. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with various philosophers (Acts 17:18-21).
  
2. Paul's address in the Areopagus. (Acts 17:22-34)
  - A. Paul began by trying to find \_\_\_\_\_ with his audience. (Acts 17:22-23)
  - B. Paul introduced the Athenians to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:24-29)
    - i. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ in temples.
    - ii. God is the provider of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. God is \_\_\_\_\_ over the affairs of the human race.
    - iv. God created human being with an \_\_\_\_\_ thirst for him.
    - v. All \_\_\_\_\_ depends on God.
    - vi. Idols make no sense to worship since they are \_\_\_\_\_ creations.

C. Paul called upon the Athenians to \_\_\_\_\_ and accept God. (Acts 17:30-31)

Paul answered the question with three concepts.

- i. God \_\_\_\_\_ their past ignorance.
- ii. God commands all people to \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ day is coming.

How do you know these things are true?

Answer: God raised Jesus from the \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The resurrection of Jesus became the point of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:32-33)

E. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. (Acts 17:34)

What do we learn from Paul's strategy in Athens?

- Paul did not use the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul message was rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul quoted from \_\_\_\_\_ sources.

### **Five Questions**

1. How can you establish the fact of God with those who do not have an understanding of God?
2. How can you contextualize the gospel in our culture?
3. What are some ways we can start conversations about God with people who have little or no biblical background?
4. Why does the gospel hinge on the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
5. What philosophies are we confronting today?