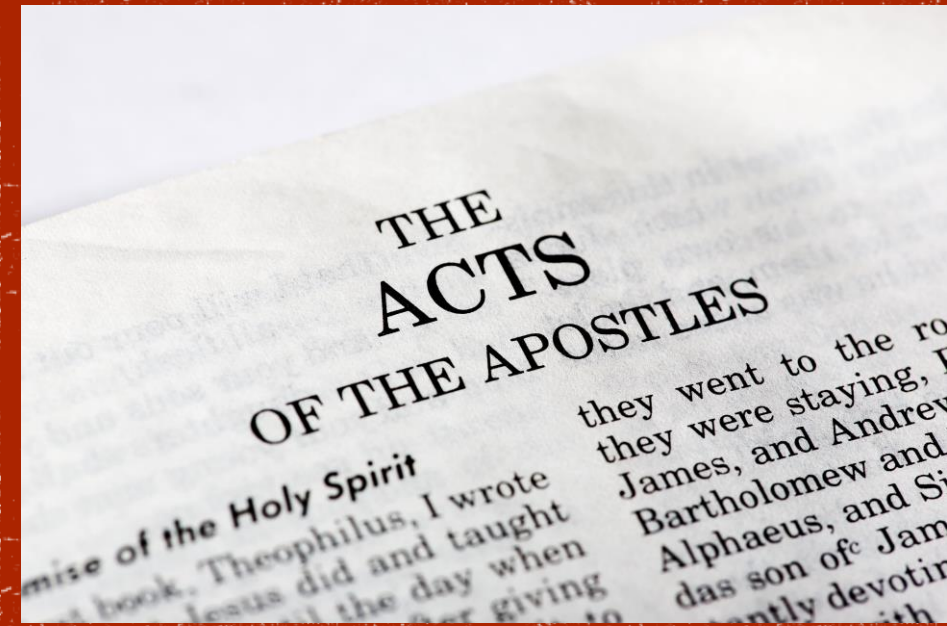


# EVANGELISM IN THE BOOK OF ACTS



- Writer Luke not as an eyewitness but as an investigator “in the former book - What JESUS began to do & teach...”
- In Acts as a documentarian ... “What JESUS thru the Holy Spirit continues to do .....And what is that?”
- Building His Kingdom... “witnesses in Jerusalem .....To the ends of the earth”  
**YES!!! EXPANSIVE CHRISTIANITY**
- Begins with **Supernatural** POWER – HOLY SPIRIT
- Thru a **Supernatural** community –in Acts 2 –How many people groups?
- Introduced & impacted by a **Supernatural** SAVIOR





# NORMATIVE FACET OF THE EARLY CHURCH

- "...number of the disciples was **multiplied**" 6:1
- "the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples **multiplied** in Jerusalem greatly" 6:7
- "the churches . . . **were multiplied**" 9:31
- "But the word of God grew and **multiplied.**" 12:24
- **Multiplication** - A NORMAL facet of the early church – not addition only ; not tradition !





Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailer and his household believe

Bereans receive the Word

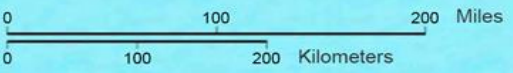
Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla Paul brought before Gallio

### PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
  - One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
  - ← Paul's Route
- ConformingToJesus.com

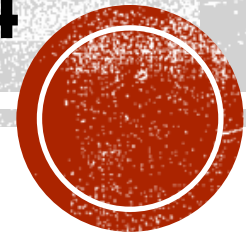




# LEARNING TO ENTER THE ATHENS OF OUR CULTURE

Paul in Athens at Mars Hill

Acts: 17: 16-34





# THE GLORY OF ATHENS





**THE UNKNOWN GOD**





## 1. Paul's Distress (vs.16)

How he **entered** their world

## 2. Paul's Dialogue (Vs. 17-21)

How he **engaged** in that world

## 3. Paul's Discourse (Vs. 22-31)

How he **explained** truth & **exposed** error

## 4. Paul's Declaration (Vs. 31-32)

How he **elevated** Jesus without mentioning HIS name



# WHERE'S OUR ATHENS?





# PAUL'S DISTRESS (VS.16)

HOW HE **ENTERED** ATHENS - NOT AS A TOURIST

- HIS PROVOCATION – BY IDOLS??
- HE WALKED the streets **vs 21**
- HE LOOKED
- HE FOUND
- WHAT WILL WE FIND IF WE REALLY ENTER OUR ATHENS & WALK /OBSERVE
- WHAT PROVOKES US? Seen Idols vs Unseen Idols



# PAUL'S DIALOGUE (VS. 17-21)

HOW HE **ENGAGED** IN THAT WORLD

- HIS **PROVOCATION** was the basis for HIS **PREPARATION** to **ENGAGE** – A daily affair!!!
- **THE** Jews/Greeks/some others - vs 17
- HE **REASONED** not **PREACHED**
- What ? Where? & How ?
- **Creating Conversations** – What happens ?



# PAUL'S DIALOGUE (VS. 17-21)

## HOW HE **ENGAGED** IN THAT WORLD

- PROVOCATION as a basis of PREPARATION of his heart
- He does not isolate – vs 21 He listens to them!!
- This time , not **Reasoning** BUT He **Debated** . He's really engaged – IN THE MARKET PLACE of Ideas
- **Epicureans** :What were their beliefs ? World view?
  - – No immaterial world ; No judgement /No afterlife
- **Stoics** : Spark of Divinity everywhere so Self-worship; Nothing after
- Discovering not just their **Vocabulary** – but **their Dictionary**

# PAUL'S DISCOURSE (VS. 22-31)

## EXPLAINED TRUTH & EXPOSED ERROR

- His **PREPARATION** gave him a coveted **PLATFORM**
- Vs 19 “ **They brought** him to Aereopagus “
- A Babbler ? Advocating Foreign gods? New teaching ?
- **They asked** ‘ *May we know...*’ ‘*What does this mean?*’
- Dialogue gives opportunities for Discourse – ‘What do we say when we get there?’
- **Lets put ourselves in a position to take the PLATFORM**



# THE PLATFORM : THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD & MAN – LUKE'S SUMMARY IN 7 MINS ! HOW HE CONNECTS

- HE GETS THEIR ATTENTION –
- **A PAGAN AUDIENCE-** NO scripture is qu
- “ *Men of Athens ..*“*You are religious..*” No  
Idolaters /Idiots – **He is respectful**
- **Anything about Jesus ?**– WOW!!
- How he begins -The GOD OF CREATION &  
with Judgement –
- He erases their argument about God being  
Unknown & Foreign – even quoting Greek p
- “ALL” is repeatedly used



# COMMON CONNECTION POINTS –WHY? VS 22-32

- **Common Strand** – DNA (from one man **v 24**)
- **Common Source** –created ALL **v24a**
- **Common Struggle** – Chasing Unknown gods/Idols **v.23**
- **Common Sense** – All have breath and life **v25**
- **Common Seasons** – Appointed times/places **v26b**
- **Common Sins** – God in man's image **v29**
- **Uncommon Savior** – The Known God **v 31/32**
- A Resurrected Sovereign -- **A man** who broke the death barrier **v32a**
  - An Appointed Judge – **A day v31**
  - **ALL everywhere must REPENT!!**



# RESULTS WE CAN EXPECT VS 32-34

- Some will mock vs 32b
- Some will delay
  - Give me more info
  - At a later time
- ***Some will believe*** vs 34b



# HOW WE ENTERED THE ATHENS OF DENTON

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# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ENTER ATHENS & stay there








# YOU ARE MY WITNESSES – MAINTENANCE CHRISTIANITY (OUR CHURCH) VS MOBILIZED CHRISTIANITY – ITS HIS KINGDOM

- Its Costly – my church may shrink & **may challenge our existing practices of Churchianity**
- Are we **trained to ENTER** Athens – not just teaching but training  
Will we encourage the next generation **TO GO & STAY?**
- Are we **being EQUIPPED** & willing to let the Holy Spirit **guide us** to **put into practice** , what we already know?
- Will we **ENGAGE intentionally** ?
- Only then do we get the PLATFORM to Plant Churches & **be obedient & make disciples !**





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