

The Church Is Revealing the True God

Acts 17:16-34
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Probably the greatest challenge Christians face in sharing the Gospel in today's cultural context is the plethora of religious beliefs. We must not only distinguish the claims of the True God, but we must also convince some there is a God. However, our context is not unique—it is in many ways similar to the situation Paul encountered in Athens. Thus, he demonstrates how Revealing the One True God in the midst of a pagan and pluralistic society will bring...

I. T_____ (vv. 16-18)

“I am Yahweh, that is My name;
I will not give My glory to another
or My praise to idols.” Isaiah 42:8

“However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame.”
1 Peter 3:16

Walking Point: *Be A_____!*

II. T_____ (vv. 19-21)

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed, ¹⁵but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.”
1 Peter 3:14-15

Walking Point: *Be R_____!*

III. T_____ (vv. 22-31)

“... ¹⁹since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what He has made. As a result, people are without excuse...

²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.”

“... ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.” Romans 1:18-25

“Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...” Acts 3:19

“... for they themselves reports what kind of reception we had from you: how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God...” 1 Thessalonians 1:9

Walking Point:	<i>Be O_____!</i>
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IV. T_____ (vv. 32-34)

“You, then, listen to the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn’t understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path...

²³But the one sown on the good ground—this is one who hears and understands the word, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.”

Matthew 13:18-19, 23

Walking Point:	<i>Be R_____!</i>
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