

* **Acts 17:16-34**
Paul Versus Athens (pt.3)



Areopagus -- the official council of Athens that served as guardian of the city's religion, morals and education

Making Known the Unknown God

1. Paul's Engaging Entry Point
2. Paul's Biblical Orientation to God
3. Paul's Call to Repentance

Paul's Conclusion

³⁰"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this." ³³So Paul went out of their midst. ³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

A Call to Repentance

1. A Universal Call
 - a call to turn from inexcusable idolatries to worship the one, true and living God (cf. Rom. 1:18-23)
 - a new era of repentance is now available to all the nations

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2. An Urgent Call
 - in light of God's coming, inescapable judgment of the world in righteousness
 - in light of God's appointed agent of judgment – the man, Christ Jesus

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➤ *Implications*

- no true knowledge of God apart from Jesus
- death is not final – there is a judgment
- reconciliation to God is available through Jesus