

# **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY**

## **ACTS – PART EIGHT**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> Missionary Journey Clean-up!**

#### **Lesson 34**

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Christianity - True Truth

# Paul in Athens

- Custom: “reasoned with them from the scriptures” (17:2)
- Once You See Messiah, Easy to See Jesus
- Synagogues Plus Agora

# Agora Encounters

- Epicureans (Senses for Truth, Death Ends All)
- Stoics (Align With Impersonal Force and Accept)
- Paul a “babbler” (17:18)
  - σπερμολογος (*spermologos*) = “seed picker”
- Taken to Aeropagus (Oxford Faculty!)

# Aeropagus Speech (17:22-31)

- “Men of Athens” (Demosthenes)
- “I see that in every way you are religious”
- Altar to “Unknown God” (*agnostos theos*)
  - Irony and Hook
- Compare 17:24-25 With Isaiah 42:5

# Aeropagus Speech (17:22-31)

- God Created All
- Appointed Times for All
- Purpose: To Seek God
- God Present and Personal
- Stretches Greeks, but Logically

# Aeropagus Speech (17:22-31)

Epimenides (600 bc)

“In thee we live and are moved, and have our being”

Aratus (315-240 bc)

“In every way we have all to do with Zeus, for we are truly his offspring.”

Paul

“For in him we live and move and have our being”

“As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring’”  
(17:28)

# Aeropagus Speech (17:22-31)

- We Are His Offspring, Not Vice Versa
- God Overlooked, Now Commanding
- Repent
- Judgment Coming, Raising Man From Dead
- Reaction



# Oxford to Vegas!

- Corinth
- Priscilla and Aquilla
- Silas and Timothy Then Full Time!
- Two Letters
- Synagogue Rejection, so Next Door
- Gallio Issues (July 51 - June 52)

# Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Black Sea



Ephesus Briefly then Return

# Points for Home

- Christianity is True Truth
- Seek God
- God is Where You Are
- Next Year!!!