

The men who have moved the world were men the world could not move

multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Jewish opposition at Thessalonica.

5 But the Jews which believed not moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. Paul honored security.

Paul and Silas at Berea.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. Qualities of high moral char.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. (vs 5)

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

Paul at Athens.

15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens; and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed. (to Paul)

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was

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a Acts 13.50; Phil.4.3. b vile. c of the rabble Rom.16.21. d dragged. e Acts 16.19, ref. f Lk.23.2; John 19.12; Pet.2.13. g Acts 16.14. h Lk.16.29; John 5.39; Acts 26.22,23. i Illustrates John 5.46 Believing the O.T. they believed the Gospel. j Greek women of honourable estate. k Acts 18.5. l provoked within him as he beheld the city full of idols. m reasoned. n Disciples of Epicurus, B.C. 342-271, who abandoned the search by reason for pure truth (cf. John 18.38), seeking instead true pleasure through experience. o Disciples of Zeno, B.C. 280, and Chrysippus, B.C. 240. This philosophy was founded on human self-sufficiency, inculcated stern self-repression, the solidarity of the race, and the unity of Deity. Epicureans and Stoics divided the apostolic world. p 1 Cor. 2.2; 15.12. q Mars' hill. r the objects of your worship. s Rom. 1.19-21; 1 Cor. 1.21; 1 Thes. 4.5. t The God who made, etc. u i.e. earth. v Acts 7.48-50. w he served by Psa. 50.8. x Gen. 2.7; Num. 16.22; Isa. 42.5; Dan. 5.23. y "blood" is not in the best manuscripts. R.V. omits. z Deut. 32.8. a God, if haply, etc. b Psa. 139.7-10; Jer. 23.23,24; Acts 14.17. Found in the writings of Aratus and Cleanthes.

stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. vs 3

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

The sermon from Mars' hill. Theme: God will judge the world by Jesus Christ.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. draws them in

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; (Nations)

27 That they should seek after the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the

Mat 9:36 Jesus Compassion b/c they fainted - shepherd

take the church to the street - Public ministry

- indulgence key to life (excess/pleasure) Zeno of Cyprus (found fatalists/Calvinists 18th year before Calvin)

Message (short version) 1:22 witness of resurr. 4:2 preached through J-P 4:33 apostles witness 23:61 Paul's defence 24:15/27 Inquiry b/c strange Interest

1 Cor 1:22 Greeks seek wisdom Eccl 1:9 no new thing under the sun

Message w/ audience

NKJV/NIV "very religious"

Only time in Bible

Paul uses their superstitions to teach them

Gen 1:1 In the beginning

7:48 Stephen's preaching not in temples

NIV - one man Rom 5:12 by one man sin entered Gen Ham descendants ages/chromosomes Deu 32:7 divided/separ Hssea 5:10 remove bounds

Isa 10:5-14 Antichrist removed bounds.

Rom 10:8 word is nigh the

Jam 4:8 draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you

1 Cor 11:26 not many wise not many mighty

Ecc 4:4 envy - wicked, vile, licentious neat: Jam 1:21 superfluous or naughtiness

Rom 16:21 Jason mentioned

14:5 ringleader - sect Naz. People - These Perception - turned Progress - come

Mat 2:1-3 Herod king (King) Joh 19:15 chief priests no king but Caesar

Accusation: trouble makers (making T) Word/Bond

1 The 2: 14-8 taken from you/Satan hindered

ISA 34:16 Seek & Read Book WDG - Recognize Receive Reverence - Results

ISA 8:20 If not speak - WOG 2 Cor 8:17 a readiness to will 2 Tim 3:15 wise unto salv. b/c they searched they scriptures

Ruthless 2 Pet 3:5 willingly ignorant 16:12 1 Km 21:25 Sezebutz 16:12 Struck up Ahaz

16:1 begins

Intellectual capital of the ancient world

Reaction to witnessing the world's idolatry

Center of art education

Not his flesh

- 1- Ridiculers (vs 32)
- 2- Postponers (vs 32)
- 3- Accepters (vs 34)

THE ACTS.

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1^a offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto ^bgold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. *Superstition*

30 And the times of this ignorance God ^cwinked at; but now commandeth all men every where to ^{2d}repent: *26:20 Repent / turn*

31 Because he hath appointed a ^eday, in the which he will ^fjudge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given ^hassurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, ¹some mocked; and ²others said, We will hear thee ^kagain of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them. *- once decision made - depart*

34) Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed; among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

CHAPTER 18.

Paul at Corinth

A.D. 54.

- a Num.16.22; Lk.3.38.
- b Psa.115.4-7; Isa.40.18,19; Dan.3.1.
- c overlooked. Cf. Rom.3.25.
- d Repentance. (Mt.3.2.)
- e Day of judgment. Heb.9.27. (Mt.10.15; Rev.20.11.)
- f Judgments (the seven). Rom.8.1, R.V. (2 Sam.7.14; Rev.20.12.)
- g oikoumene = inhabited earth. (Lk.24.1.)
- h Assurance. Rom.8.29-34; (Isa.32.17; Jude 1.)
- i v.18; Rom.1.4; Rev.1.18.
- j 1 Cor.1.18; 15.12.
- k Acts 5.38,39; 24.25.
- l Rom.16.3; 1 Cor.16.19; 2 Tim.4.19.
- m Acts 20.34;

1 COR 15:21 by man came resurrection of dead

Christ's Resurrection R gives assurance

Rom 1:4 declared by Rom 4:24

Choice: mock or hear again or decide to accept now

1 Cor 3:6 Paul planted

Salvation → *

Mat 16:12 doctrine / law of Sadducees & Pharisees