

Part 4- Their Response to the message

When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later." 33 That ended Paul's discussion with them, 34 but some joined him and became believers. Acts 17:32-34

3 Responses to Paul's message:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Among them were Dionysius, a member of the council and a woman named Damaris, and others with them. Acts 17:35

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Athens versus Paul Meeting Your Culture Head On Acts 17:16-34

God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us.
The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-
control. 2 Timothy 1:7

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. 18 He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. Acts 17:16-18

The **Epicureans** were atheists, their motto was "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die".

The **Stoics** attitude toward life was ultimate resignation of demise so don't get over-emotional, either about tragedy or happiness." Their motto was, "grin and bear it"

The outcome of the debate:

When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbling trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." 19 Then they took him to the high council of the city. "**Come and tell us about this new teaching,**" they said. 20 "You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." 21 (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.) Acts 17:18-21

1st Part: Paul's Introduction:

So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows:
"Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, 23
for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your
altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God,
whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you
about. Acts 17:22,23

Paul meets them where _____.

3 Key truths Paul teaches:

"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is
Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, 25
and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He
himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every
need. Acts 17:24-25

God is the Maker _____.

God is the giver, and does not have _____.

God draws men and does not seek _____.

2nd Part: God is the author of History

From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole
earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he
determined their boundaries.27 "His purpose was for the nations to
seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find
him—... Acts 17:26,27

The reason for history: That they might _____.

3rd Part: A Picture Of Mankind

—though he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and
move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his
offspring.' 29 And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an
idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

Acts 17:27b-29

Mankind has _____

30 "God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier
times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of
their sins and turn to him. 31 For he has set a day for judging the
world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to
everyone who this is by raising him from the dead." Acts 17:30,31

Mankind is _____

1. There is an inescapable day of _____

2. There is an unchallengeable _____

3. God has made this evident to all by an irrefutable fact:
