

Week 2

WE ARE: Worshipers

Acts 9:1-9 Saul is set apart. Interrupted his life. Paul becomes voice to the gentiles.

Acts 17:22-31

“So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring. Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

“To the unknown God” – We were created to worship. All of us give our time, energy, affection, allegiance to someone or something. The question is not whether we are worshipers but who or what we are worshiping.

REFLECTION QUESTION

If we are not worshiping the true living God – the creator. Then we are worshiping a false God, an idol. Is there something or someone in your life who has become a false God / idol?

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

- A.W. Tozer

Romans 1:25 “they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Idols of our day are not animals and birds.
What are some examples of modern day idols for you?

Idols are based on promises. Idolatry is when good things become ultimate things.

What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition and settled upon the organ of conviction, where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed.
- G.K. Chesterton

KEY PRINCIPLE

We must build our church on the authority of the Scripture.
(ie.) Men and Women are equal in value but distinct in form and --
within the church and home - distinct in responsibilities.

Acts 17:26-31 *"He is pursuing all of us..."*

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What are we saved from?

The idols we've worshipped are false - we see them for who they are. Idolatry is about exchanging the truth for a lie. Our way out of idolatry is exchanging the lie for the truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What is the truth the Lord is teaching you to replace the life you've been believing?