

SERMON NOTES:

Acts 17:16-33

Paul, alone in Athens, encounters a city filled with idols. As a Roman, he understands, but as a Jew, he's deeply troubled. Idolatry had led to the Jews' exile in Babylon, and even the altar to the "Unknown God" couldn't save Athens. Paul is moved to share the message of the one true God who can save.

Idols Today:

- Success/power
- Family/relationships
- Food
- Sex
- Money
- Yourself
- Entertainment

What is an Idol? Anything you turn to for security, satisfaction, and purpose.

What is Worship? Devotion, sacrifice, and obedience to something.

Steps to Address Idolatry:

1. **Search Me, God** – Identify what may be before God in your life.
2. **Apologize and Adjust** – Seek God's help in making adjustments.
3. **Do This Together** – Confess to lose the issue's power and gain accountability.

Pray:

- Thank God for His goodness and love.
- Ask Him to reveal anything that competes with Him for attention.
- I apologize for putting these things before God and seek His guidance in prioritizing Him.
- Ask for courage to seek community if needed.