

Because Christ is Raised: How the Resurrection Changes Everything

Because Christ is Raised, We Will Prepare for Judgment

Acts 17:16–34

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The Lord's Day Morning

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Inquirer: Why do you believe what you believe and do what you do?

Christian: The resurrection of Jesus.

The Very Religious Athenians

1. The People: By serving the gods, we appease and manipulate them to give us health and wealth, peace and prosperity in this life.
2. The Epicureans: This life is all there is and there is no personal god, so let us seek pleasure by doing what makes us happy (but all-out hedonism doesn't make us happy.)
3. The Stoics: This life is all there is, god is an impersonal force (nature), so let us use reason and logic to develop ethics for the common good.

Paul's Very Respectful But Religiously Incorrect Message

1. God is the _____, one, true, living, and personal Creator of everything and everyone.
2. God is _____ the universe according to his perfect plan with no help.
3. God has _____ the absolute standard of ethics for people to live by.
4. God is _____ by his own character to judge his creatures by his perfect standard.
5. God has _____ Jesus from the dead to assure everyone that these things are true.