

Acts – Expectancy and Overflow

Acts 17:16-34
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Today in Acts 17, Paul has arrived in the renowned city of Athens, known for its culture and architecture. It was a primary city for philosophy and worship of pagan idols. Paul is grieved at the illusions the "god's" try to provide. Paul, prepared, courageous, and ready, finds common ground to present the hope of Christ? Look around at your world, who is there that you can find common ground to present the hope of Christ?

Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Full of idols - *utterly idolatrous*: —wholly given to idolatry or covered with idols.

Monotheistic – the doctrine or belief there is only one God.

Assemblies of God – 2nd Fundamental Truth...

"We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit."

John 14:6 (NLT)

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

dispute – *"which means to toss ideas back and forth."*

***"A bunch of talk about ideas, thoughts, or the latest teaching
doesn't necessarily lead or mean it is the Truth.
Sometimes we are infatuated talking about ideas,
more than knowing and embracing The Truth – Christ!"***

Acts 17:22-23 (ESV)

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ 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.

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Exodus 20:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. ⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. ⁶ But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those^[a] who love me and obey my commands.

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