

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Review: *Providential persecutors keep Paul on the move as he travels south towards Athens.*

I. The Gospel Truth Conveyed Through The Power of Testimony - Acts 17:1-9

- A) God's power released thru self DENIAL
- B) God's power observed in self SACRIFICE
- C) God's power received thru selfless LOVE

II The Gospel Truth Confirmed By The Witness Of Truth - Acts 17:10-14

- A) Truth will always bear witness in an open HEART
- B) Truth will always bear witness with an opened BIBLE

III. The Gospel Truth Confronts The Incomplete Truths Of A Culture - Acts 17:15-21

- A) This culture produced many of life's great THINKERS

Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Protagoras, etc.

- 1) They sought answers to life's greatest PURPOSE
- 2) They sought answers to life's greatest PROBLEMS
- 3) They sought answers to life's greatest POSSIBILITIES

- B) This culture produced many of man's great ADVANCEMENTS

The incredible by-products of the Greek Culture

- 1) Unparalleled achievements in art, literature, theater, and oratory
- 2) Developed the foundations of democracy, parliamentary procedures, philosophy and political science
- 3) The fields of mathematics, physics, biology, history and astronomy
- 4) Unsurpassed beauty and technique in architecture

- C) This culture promoted many of man's great ERRORS

- 1) Protagoras - "MAN IS THE MEASURE OF ALL THINGS"
- 2) God(s) therefore, must be LIKE US
- 3) What satisfies us, must satisfy THEM
- 4) There are two approaches to self-satisfaction...
 - 1) Epicureans - seeking the pleasure of indulgence
 - 2) Stoics - seek the advance of man indifferent to pleasure
- 5) These find their contemporary ideology in secular humanism and religious liberalism