

Built To Last

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Love God
Love People
Make Disciples

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

John 16:7 NLT

And when he comes, **he will convict the world of its sin**, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

John 16:8 NLT

The world's sin is that it **refuses to believe** in me.

John 16:9 NLT

For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever **believes** in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

For God did not send his Son into
the world to **condemn** the world,
but to **save** the world through him.

John 3:17 NIV

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe stands condemned already** because they have not **believed** in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18 NIV

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19 NIV

Unbelief

When we fail to feel the way
the Father feels towards people
far from God, we will fail
at our mission.

Jesus sent his followers into the world, not to war with the world, but to win the world.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly **distressed** to see that the city was full of idols.

Acts 17:16 NIV

So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 17:17 NIV

A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this **babbler** trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.”

Acts 17:18 NIV

They said this because Paul was preaching the **good news** about Jesus and the **resurrection**.

Acts 17:18 NIV

Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the **Areopagus**, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?”

Acts 17:19 NIV

You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and **we would like to know what they mean.**

Acts 17:20 NIV

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
“People of Athens! I see that in every way you are **very religious**.”

Acts 17:22 NIV

For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **to an unknown god.**

Acts 17:23 NIV

So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

Acts 17:23 NIV

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

Acts 17:24 NIV

And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

Acts 17:25 NIV

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Acts 17:26 NIV

God did this so that they would **seek** him and perhaps **reach** out for him and **find** him, though he is **not far** from any one of us.

Acts 17:27 NIV

‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Acts 17:28 NIV

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

Acts 17:29 NIV

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**.

Acts 17:30 NIV

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by **raising him from the dead.**”

Acts 17:31 NIV

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but **others** said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”

Acts 17:32 NIV

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Speaking a little truth
and showing a lot of
grace goes a long
way.

2.

Christians have no business judging the behavior of unbelievers.

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Do anything short of sin to win those who are far from God.

4.

Lets make it as easy
as possible for those
who are turning to
God.

5



Jesus is always the starting point for faith.

When we see people far from
God the way God sees them,
we will begin to feel about
people far from God, the way
God feels about them.

Love changes who you *see*,
how you *hear*, what you say, and
ultimately what you *do*.