

INTRODUCTION

- * As we have studied the book of Acts, we have seen how God Sovereignly oversaw the expansion of the church from Jerusalem into Asia Minor (which we refer to today as Eurasia) and then specifically toward the European continent by guiding Paul into Macedonia and then down into the Ionian peninsula - to Thessalonica and Berea - toward the epicenter of the world culture of the day - Athens.
- * In each place that they have gone, they have met both reception of the message and rejection of the message - some believed, some did not.
- * Today, as we consider Paul's engagements in the metropolis of Athens we will see how he varied his evangelistic approach - in the presentation of God's redemptive plan - to each of his specific audiences.

INSTRUCTION

I. PAUL'S PR _____ (v. 16)

II. PAUL'S PR _____ (v. 17-31)

A. In the Synagogue (v. 17)

B. In the Market Place (v. 17)

C. In the AreoPagus (v. 17)

1. THE SETTING

2. THE MESSAGE

a. His Introduction

b. His Instruction

i. *THE PREEMINENCE OF GOD*

v. 24

v. 25

v. 26

v. 27

v. 29

ii. *THE PLAN OF GOD ... Involves (v. 30 – 32) ...*

a) *The R _____ of Man (v. 30)*

b) *The R _____ of God (v. 31)*

c) *The R _____ of Christ (v. 31-32)*

3. THE REACTION

INTROSPECTION

- * Have you truly repented?
- * Do you still struggle with the influence of the cultural worldview around you?
- * Paul spoke boldly regardless of the setting. How about you? Do you need to pray for boldness?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we, as an assembly, encourage one another to be bolder and more faithful to distribute the gospel?