

“JESUS MEETS APOLLO”
“Paul’s Sermon in Athens”
ACTS 16:29-17
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I. THE PHILLIPIAN JAILER (16:29-34)

- a. He washes their stripes
- b. He and his family are baptized.
- c. He feeds them a meal in his home
- d. He rejoices.

II. PAUL THE ROMAN CITIZEN (16:35-40)

- a. Paul refuses to depart secretly but declares his Roman citizenship
 - i. Roman Citizenship
 - 1. Not everyone was a citizen.
 - 2. It gave special rights to those who were
 - a. Hold Office, Right to Trial, Death only for Treason, could not be Crucified, and more.
 - 3. How did Paul become a citizen?
 - a. Unknown but we know he was born a citizen.
(Acts 22)
 - ii. Paul uses the tools at his disposal for his defense.

III. PAUL PREACHES THE GOSPEL

- a. In Thessalonica
 - i. Jewish resistance to the Gospel
- b. In Berea
 - i. Again run out of town.
- c. Travels to Athens
 - i. He waits in Athens for Silas and Timothy to join him from Berea

IV. PAUL’S SERMON ON MARS HILL (Areopagus) (17:16-34)

- a. Ancient Athens.

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- b. Paul is moved by the idolatry in the City
- c. He speaks in the synagogue, and in the marketplace.
- d. Epicurean and Stoic Philosophers
 - i. Call Paul a “seed picker”
 - ii. Epicurean
 - 1. Chief end of man is avoidance of pain.
 - 2. They did not deny the existence of God, He simply was not relevant, God did not involve Himself in the affairs of man.
 - iii. Stoic
 - 1. Taught Self Discipline and master, The goal of life is to reach a state of indifference to pleasure or pain. God is a “force” not a personal being.
- e. Paul’s Sermon
 - i. Areopagus
 - 1. Rocky Hill upon which a court or council met near the Acropolis.
 - a. Photos
 - ii. Appeals to their desire to worship and know God.
 - iii. The Nature of God
 - 1. Creator of All Things
 - 2. Ruler of All Things
 - 3. Above all Things
 - 4. Has No Needs that we can meet.
 - 5. Giver of Life and the Source of or Existence
 - iv. The Brotherhood of Man

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1. All men are made by God from one (forefather, or couple)
2. Men were given nations and tribes.
- v. The Search for God
 1. Man is searching for God
- vi. Where is God
 1. He is near us.
 2. We are His Children
- vii. God is not art.
- viii. God has given us space but now commands us to turn from ignorance and repent and turn to truth.
- ix. The Final Judgement
- x. The Resurrection (note Paul began and ended with the Resurrection)
- xi. The result
 1. Not a Billy Graham Crusade.
 - a. Some Mocked
 - b. Some wanted to hear more
 - c. Some believed.