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| **1** | **The One God Of All Is The unknown God**Acts 17:22-31 |
| **2** | ***“Athens… the city full of idols”*** * Acts 17:16, Paul reaction? *“His spirit was being* ***provoked****”*. “**Exasperated**” (Strong); “**Irritated**” (Thayer)
* Paul responded with ***“reason”*** (vs. 17) which to this audience was a ***“new teaching”*** and were ***“strange things”*** (vs. 19-20).
* We need skill in such reasoning, which simply takes study and practice. (1 Peter 3:15)
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| **3** | ***“Athens… the city full of idols”*** Paul recognized that (vs. 22-23):* They were *“very religious”*.
* They were ***“ignorant”***and **did not know the one true God**.
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| **4** | The *“unknown God”* of today’s world.What Paul taught the Athenians is what the world needs to know today about… |
| **5** | **The God Of Creation*** *“****The God who made the world and all things in it*** *…”* (vs. 24);
* ***“… seeing He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things****”* (verse 25);
* *“****and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth …****”* (verse 26).
* We must believe that **“He is”** (Hebrews 11:6) and fight the so-called theory of evolution.
* Romans 1:19-20; Isaiah 64:8; Psalms 119:73; 100:3-4; 95:1-7
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| **6** | **The God Of Authority*** Acts 17:24-25, “…*since He is* ***Lord of heaven and earth****, does not dwell in temples made with hands; neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things*.”
* ***“Lord”*** – “he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has the power of deciding” (Thayer). “Supreme in authority” (Strong)
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| **7** | **The God Of Authority**The “***Lord of heaven and earth***” does not need us to sustain Him, but we need Him, to seek Him and submit to Him.* This is the application of the truth that God is the God of all creation. Psalms 119:73; 100:3-4
* God has the right to rule and given that authority to His Son. Matthew 28:18
* The effect of this truth seen in 1 Peter 3:15
* The application seen in Matthew 7:21-23
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| **8** | **The God Of Our spirits*** *“****Being then the offspring of God****, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man”* (Acts 17:29).
* **Man (alone) is created & born in the image of God.** (Genesis 1:26)
* **God is the Father of all spirits.** (Hebrews 12:9)
* **The conflict is between our flesh and spirit**. (Romans 8:5-8; Galatians 5:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)
* **Our spirit will return to our Father who gave it to us**. (Ecclesiastes 12:7)
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| **9** | **The God of Forgiveness*** Acts 17:30, *“Therefore* ***having overlooked the times of ignorance****, God* ***is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent****.”*
* **Man needs salvation and God offers forgiveness**. (Romans 3:23; Psalms 130:3-4; Ephesians 1:3-7)
* **God allows man to change his heart and mind – to repent**. (Acts 26:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)
* **Repentance is demanded** (2 Corinthians 7:10; Luke 13:3) which will bear observable fruit. (Matthew 3:8; 21:28-29)
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| **10**  | **The God of Judgment*** Acts 17:31, *“because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”*
* **Accounts will be settled**... (Matthew 18:23-24)
* … **Individually**. (2 Corinthians 10:5)
* **We have an appointment**. (Hebrews 9:27)
* **It’s our choice** whether to receive “***the kindness (or) severity of God***”. (Romans 11:22)
* **Motivation to prepare & persuade**. (2 Corinthians 5:6-15)
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