

MESSAGE NOTES

UnChristian (Part 1)

UnAware

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But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.

1 Peter 1: 15 // NLT

Jesus said, You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5: 14 // CEV

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

John 1: 14 // Message

While Paul was waiting in Athens K

Acts 17: 16 // TEV

He was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city.

Acts 17: 16 // TEV

He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.

Act 17: 17-18 // TEV

When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?"

Acts 17: 18 // TEV

All the citizens of Athens and the foreigners who lived there liked to spend all their time telling and hearing the latest new thing.

Acts 17: 21 // TEV

Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." They brought Paul before a council called the Areopagus.

Acts 17: 20 // TEV

Tell us what your new teaching is all about. We have heard you say some strange things, and we want to know what you mean. The things you are saying are new to us, and we want to know what this teaching means."

Acts 17: 19-20 // NCV

So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines."

Acts 17: 22 // NLT

As I was going through your city, I saw the objects you worship. I found an altar that had these words written on it — to an unknown god. You worship a god that you don't know, and this is the God I am telling you about!

Acts 17: 23 // NCV

This God that I want to tell you about is the One who gives life, breath, and everything else to people. He does not need any help from them; he has everything he needs. God began by making one person, and from him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us — for in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

Acts 17: 25-28 // NCV

We shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and change the way they think and act and turn to him.

Acts 17: 29-30 // NCV

For God has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man (Jesus) he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.

Acts 17: 31 // NLT

When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt.

Acts 17: 32 // NLT

But others said, "We want to hear more about this later."

Acts 17: 32 // NLT

That ended Paul's discussion with them, but some joined him and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 17:33-34 // NLT

Jesus said, "Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5: 16 // CEV

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(LB) Living Bible
(MSG) The Message