

Acts – Birth of the Church

Turning the World Upside Down!

Acts 17

July 28, 2024

Bob Hightchew

Introduction:

- Two Mindsets:
 - **Acts 2 -**
 - **Acts 17 -**
 - **John Adams** ... *“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” ... Morality and virtue are the foundation of our republic and necessary for a society to be free.”*
 - **Acts 17-Acts 28** ... We see the gospel reaching people that do not know about the God of the Bible.
 - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - **Sir Edmund Burke** once said ... *“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in this world ... Is that good men do nothing.”*
-

1. Thessalonica:

- a. **Acts 17:1-4**
- b. Three Things to Consider:
 - i. Many assume people do not want to hear about God –
 - ii. It takes time to reason with people –
 - iii. When you win people to Christ, you will be seen in a bad light –
- c. Two things people need to hear:
 - i. You are loved –
 - ii. There is hope –
- d. **Acts 17:5**
- e. **Romans 16:21**
- f. **Acts 17:6**
- g. English Standard Version – “These men who have turned the world upside down, have now come here.”
- h. We must live in this world ... BUT ... We must not live like this world.

2. Berea:

- a. **Acts 17:10-15**
- b. **Acts 17:12**
- c. **Matthew 16:13-18**
- d. Saving Faith consists of two things:
 - i. Assent –
 - ii. Trust –
- e. **Acts 17:13**

3. Athens:

- a. **Acts 17:16-21**
- b. **Acts 17:22-23**
- c. Profiles to consider:
 - i. Religious –
 - ii. Seekers – God-Fearing Greeks –
 - iii. Materialist –
 - iv. Epicureans –
 - v. Stoics –

