

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

True and Rational Words

Acts 17 & 26

March 31, 2024

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Acts 17:18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. [19] And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? [20] For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." [21] Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.</p> <p>[22] So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. [23] For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. [24] The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, [25] nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. [26] And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, [27] that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, [28] for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said "For we are indeed his offspring.'</p> <p>[29] Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. [30] The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31] because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."</p> <p>[32] Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." [33] So Paul went out from their midst. [34] But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.</p>	<p><i>The gospel calls us to turn from idols to the true and living God, who is proven by the resurrection of Christ.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. God the Creator</i><i>2. God the Sustainer</i><i>3. God the Judge</i><i>4. God the Living Savior</i> <p>Memory verses for 2024-</p> <p>Isaiah 46:3-4</p> <p>[3] "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;</p> <p>[4] even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.</p>

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1. Discuss this short summary of the Christian Faith from Paul in 1 Corinthians 15-
1 Corinthians 15:3-5 [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...
2. Why did proclaiming the resurrection of Christ cause such a stir with so many listeners?
3. How does the resurrection of Christ relate with the message of the gospel?
4. Discuss this description of Paul's defense of the Christian Faith in Acts 17-
"What we have here is an argument for the Christian faith, a reasoned presentation of the Christian message as both a more accurate explanation of the world and of human life than other religions or philosophies and as the real hope of the human heart for the fulfillment of its deepest longings." (Robert Rayburn)
5. How might you demonstrate the Christian faith to be "true and rational" as Paul says in Acts 26:25?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: