

Paul in the U.S.A.

Acts 17:16-34
(series #60)

Intro: the similarities between Athens and the U.S.A.

I. Paul's perspective of a magnificent city v. 16

- A. He saw people in need of Christ
- B. He saw God's glory being spurned

II. Paul's actions in a boisterous city vv. 17-21

- A. He reasoned in the synagogue
- B. He dialogued in the marketplace
 - 1. The Epicureans - hedonists
 - 2. The Stoics - pantheists

III. Paul's sermon to a needy city vv. 22-31

- A. God is Creator v. 24 a
- B. God is King and Lord v. 24 b
- C. God is Life-giver v. 25
- D. God is Governor v. 26
- E. God is Revealer v. 27

IV. Responses from a cultured city vv. 32-34

- A. Some mocked v. 32 a
- B. Some postponed v. 32 b
- C. Some believed v. 34
- I Corinthians 1:18-25