

“WHY A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW MATTERS - PART 5” (Acts 17)

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REVIEW/INTRO: Our worldview largely determines what we believe and how we live. A biblical worldview is based on the Bible (it’s inspiration and absolute truth). Mass Formation Psychosis is one of the ways we’re turned away from a Biblical worldview to a secular worldview. **“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, ...** (Isaiah 1:18) Are you willing to come reason together?

PAUL REASONS WITH THE THESSALONIANS, BEREANS, ATHENIANS, & PHILOSOPHERS (Acts 17).

I. PAUL REASONS WITH THE THESSALONIANS (vv. 1-9).

- A. Paul reasoned using the Scriptures (vv. 1-2).
- B. Paul reasoned about Christ’s death & resurrection (v. 3).
- C. Some were persuaded by Paul’s reasoning (v. 4).
- D. Some were not persuaded by Paul’s reasoning (vv. 5-9).

•Often when people reject the truth, they fight fiercely against the truth and against those promoting the truth!

II. PAUL REASONS WITH THE BEREANS (Acts 17:10-13).

- A. Fair-minded people are willing to search the Scriptures.
- B. Those opposing the truth stirred up the crowds.

III. PAUL REASONS WITH THE ATHENIANS (Acts 17:14-17).

- A. Paul reasoned with those who had given in to idolatry.
- B. Paul reasoned both in the synagogue and marketplace.

IV. PAUL REASONS WITH THE PHILOSOPHERS (vv. 18-34).

- A. These philosophers were willing to hear Paul out.
- B. Paul looked for common ground – they were religious.
- C. He proclaimed to them the God they didn’t know.
- D. Paul said, **“He is not far from each one of us!”** (v. 27)

***What message are you giving to sinners – that they are far from God or that God is not far from them?**

- E. Paul found common ground and quoted their poets.
- F. Paul pointed them away from idols and towards God.
- G. Paul focused more on the present than eternity (v. 28).
- H. Paul called them to repentance (vv. 30-31).
- I. The message of the resurrection created controversy and a variety of responses (vv. 32-34).