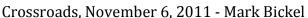


Thru God's Eye: Life in the REAL World

Opening Eyes Helping Others Discover Life in the REAL World





Paul Shares Gospel in Athens - Acts 17:16-34

Intro: (excerpts from "Life After God" by Douglas Coupland)

Sees with God's Eyes:

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

Talks to everyone - Devout and Pagan alike:

17 So he reasoned in the **synagogue** with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the **marketplace** every day with those who happened to be there.

Talks to the "post-modern, Tolerant, Pluralists" of His day

18 Some of the **Epicurean and Stoic philosophers** also conversed with him.

People Biblically Illiterate ... But Interested in New things

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.

Observing the Culture, and Starting Where People Are

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.'

Tell them about the God they are really looking for

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

• The Self-existing, Creating, Sustaining and Ruling God

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.

God of All

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,

Imminent God ... To Be Worshiped by All

27 that they should seek God, in the hope that they might 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.'

• Not the God of our Imagination

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.

Repent, Judgment Coming

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."

• The Heart of the Gospel - the Death and Resurrection of Jesus

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead

18because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

• The People Respond In Three Ways

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. 34But **some men joined him and believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Conclusions / Practical Applications

Recommended Listening

2011 NEXT Worldview Conference Audio (free at www.thisisnext.org under Resources)

God on the World: The Bible's Framework for a Christian Worldview - Jeff Purswell

Think or Believe? The Role of Reason in the Life of Faith - Scott Oliphint

The Gospel and the Postmodern Mind - D.A. Carson

The Reality of Truth in a World of Relativism - R.C. Sproul

Who am I? Humanity in the Eyes of the World and the Christian - Kevin DeYoung

Breakout - Science & Faith - Vern Poythress

Breakout - The New Atheists - Nathan Sasser

Breakout - Can We Trust Our Bibles? - Peter Williams

Breakout - Jesus and Other Religions - Kevin DeYoung

NEXT WEEK: Seeing God in Mongolia ... Global Outreach Conference (see separate brochure)



November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10 am Celebration Worship & Lunch 6:30 Crossroads Opening Eyes: Helping Others Discover Life in the REAL World	7 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	8	9	10 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" - Sexuality	11 ** BFC Tanzania Banquet	** Q.Town Conf. on Reformed Theology
13 9 am Missions Worship & Café' 6:30 Crossroads ** Missions Night - Warners (Mongolia), Josh Mills, Skype with Andrew & Jess	14 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	15	16 Missions: 5:30 - meal 7 - program	17 No Bible Study Missions week	18 Missions: 7 - program	19 Missions: 8:30 - prayer breakfast 5 - dinner & missions fest.
20 6:00 International Student Thanks- giving Dinner at Widener	21 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	22	23	24 No Bible Study Thanksgiving	25	26

Upcoming Events

November 13-20 - Global Outreach Conference

See Brochure for Details

Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 pm @ Widener

International Student Thanksgiving Cooks and set-up people needed, see Emily

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February 10-12, 2012

Crossroads Winter Retreat

June 8-10, 2012

BFC Young Adults Retreat

Other Events of Interest

** BFC Tanzania Project Banquet: Friday

night Nov. 11, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown

** Quakertown Regional Conference on Reformed Theology: <u>Our Great God</u>

– Fri. night Nov. 11 and Sat. Nov. 12

** Mark Bickel is attending both events