

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: God – All In All

Main Text: Acts 17:16-34

Sermon Description: While the teachings of Paul are technical and academic, they are also practical. An example of the practical application of such teachings can be found in Acts 17. Paul, himself, brilliantly demonstrates the truths, which he wrote down in Romans 1:18-23, as he preaches in the open air of a leading intellectual and cultural center of that day: Athens Greece. While standing in the midst of the Areopagus (the place where the city council of Athens met), Paul calls out the idolatry of the city, folly of the philosophers, and their suppression of the truth of God. Passages such as these are examples that show us Christ is not to be absent from the public square, but is to be proclaimed as creator and Lord over all things, for He is the giver of “life and breath and everything.”

HEADING: PAUL PROCLAIMS GOD AND HIS AUTHORITY IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. REVELATION & RELIGION (Acts 17:22-23, 30)

- a. General revelation
- b. Idolatry of man

2. CREATION & CREATOR (Acts 17:24-26, 29)

- a. God is creator of all things
- b. God is not a created being
- c. God is Lord over all things

3. PHILOSOPHY & SCIENCE (Acts 17:27-29)

- a. Life, motion, being
- b. Folly of philosophers

Close: (Ephesians 1:19-23) Those of us whom by God's grace have repented and believed can rejoice and be bold. We can be like Paul and those who joined him in proclaiming that our God is far above all rule and authority, and His name is far greater than all other names. He is the giver of all things and is the only answer to questions of life, motion, and being. We can rejoice in, and proclaim the culmination of all these things, which is the absolute power, authority, and glory of our God who is all in all!

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