

# How to Witness to a PAGAN Part 2 Acts 17:19-34

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- Paul's message content to the Athenians was different than the messages he had preached previously in the synagogues.
- The Athenians were idolatrous pagans without any basic understanding of the Scriptures.
- Webster's defines a pagan as "one who has little or no religion and who delights in sensual pleasures and material goods."
- How do you witness to a person that has no biblical background or understanding of God or of Christ?
- Paul's message will provide the framework for us. We must seek to help them understand:

The Power of God – vs. 24a

The Authority of God – vs. 24b

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God – vs. 24, 25, 29

- These pagan Athenians had man-made idols and images dedicated to every conceivable aspect of life.
- Paul corrected their misconceptions of God by stating three important truths about the one-and-only true God's nature:
  - ⇒ The true God is \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 24c
  - ⇒ The true God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ⇒ The true God is a \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 29
- "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." **John 4:24**
- The making of idols and gods was nothing new, and it is something that \_\_\_\_\_ do. Romans 1:21-23

### **The Essentialness of God – vs. 25, 28a**

- God not only created everything by His marvelous power, but He \_\_\_\_\_ His creation by the word of His power.
- *“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 1:3*

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of God – vs. 27**

- Paul said about God, *“...though he be not far from every one of us.”*
- *“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” James 4:8*
- *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of God – vs. 26**

- Great wisdom is evidenced in the way God made man and populated the earth. Paganism had no God with such wisdom. Their gods were limited in wisdom and ability.
- When the people of the earth stand before God, \_\_\_\_\_ will not carry any import whatsoever. The question will be, “What have you done with Jesus Christ?”