

The Christian's Attitude Toward the World

Acts 17:15-21

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- *"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."* **John 17:14-16**
- As believers, we now belong to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Yet we are physically on the earth in the midst of Satan's kingdom.
- How can we live victoriously, and what should our attitude be toward the world? How can we make an impact in this world system that we reside in?

Every believer must possess the right attitudes toward this world system.

- What was Paul's attitude toward the best glitz and glamour the world had to offer in Athens, Greece?
 - 1. Initially, Paul was provoked to righteous _____ . vs. 16**
 - ◇ Our God has a holy hatred for idolatry and paganism. As we _____ with God, we do too.
 - ◇ *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."* **Romans 1:18**
 - ◇ *"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."* **Romans 12:9**
 - 2. Next, Paul spoke _____ the paganism of the world. vs. 17**
 - ◇ Most Christians are not **stirred** up by evil, so they obviously won't _____ up either.

- ◇ *“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”* **Ephesians 5:11**

3. Finally, Paul boldly proclaimed Jesus as the only _____ to this evil world. vs. 18

- ◇ *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”* **Romans 1:16**
- ◇ *“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.”*
2 Timothy 1:8
- ◇ Paul not only spoke out against the evil of Athens, but gave them the positive _____ to the problem - Jesus!

Come back tonight to see the world's attitude toward Paul and the gospel.