

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 17:1-15 - One Gospel; Two Responses - 03.16.2025

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been so blinded by your pride that you couldn't see or admit that you were wrong? (**Like me when lost in Chicago*)
What led to you being too prideful to admit that you were wrong?
How did the situation play out for you, and were you humbled in some way through the situation?
3. As you read Acts 17:1-5, it describes how Paul reasons from the Scriptures & shares the gospel in Thessalonica:
What are the two different responses we see here? (**Verse 4 shows one response & verse 5 shows the other*)
The response of those in verse 4 shows they were persuaded by Paul's sharing from the Scriptures.
Read Proverbs 11:2, 18:12; Micah 6:8; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:12; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5-6.
How do these verses show God's desire for us to be humble and how He works in/through us when we are?
As you look at the response of the Jews mentioned here in verse 5, where specifically is their pride evident?
How do pride/arrogance inhibit us in life & specifically prevent us from being unable to rightly respond to the gospel?
4. Moving on in this narrative, Paul & Silas (& the rest) move on to Berea from Thessalonica; how is this response markedly different?
How does the response of those in Berea reveal a high value of God's Word in their lives & a diligence to know the truth?
As you consider your own life, do your rhythms and priorities in life reveal a high value the Scriptures beyond lip service?
Are there areas in your life where your actions are more influenced by the values of the worldly culture than God's Word?
If so, how can you realign yourself with God's Word & stand firm in the truth instead of the lies of the world?
5. For the benediction, I shared 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; how does this clear presentation of the gospel encourage your heart today?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
The Jews in Berea tested everything by Scripture!
We must know God's Word to uphold the truth!
Jesus' death & resurrection were both necessary!
To rightly tell the full gospel, both must be shared!
ONE GOSPEL; TWO RESPONSES:
 1. ***Humble acknowledgement & acceptance.***
RESULT: Eternal life & forgiveness of sin in Jesus!
 2. ***Prideful denial & rejection***
RESULT: Eternal damnation as a result of our sin!