

“A Godly Remnant Within a Cauldron of Opposition”

Acts 17:1-5

The Sufficiency of His Grace for the Sustaining of His Suffering People

- I. Paul’s pattern was to visit the synagogue (17:2; Acts 9:20; 13:5, 14; 14:1; 17:10, 17; 18:4, 19, 26; 19:8).
- II. Paul’s preaching was a Christ Exalting, Word-Centered, Global Impacting, Grace-Based message (17:2b-3).
 - A. Paul reasoned from the biblical text with his audience.
 - B. Paul explained the biblical text for his audience.
 - C. Paul gave evidence from the biblical text to his audience.
- III. Paul’s message produced either renewal or rebellion (17:4).
 - A. Some were persuaded, believed, and joined up (v.4).
 - B. Some were put out, rebelled, and opposed (17:5, 13).
- IV. Paul’s message had the power to turn his world upside down (17:6).

The WORLD says . . .

You can
 You are independent
 Success is what you get
 Convenience
 Happiness
 Wide and broad
 Me
 Live for the temporal
 Stock pile
 Selfishness
 The cross is one of many

 Turn over a new leaf
 You can do it

The CROSS says . . .

You can’t
 You are dependent
 Success is what you give
 Commitment
 Holiness
 Small and narrow
 Him
 Live for the eternal
 Sacrifice
 Service
 Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Him.
 Transformed by a new life
 He did it

There will always be two kinds of responses to the preaching of Christ. People are either going to embrace it or cause opposition to it. The truth refuses to be neutralized by complacency. “Truth seeks no corners, but rejoices to be publicly seen.”