

THREE CITIES – THREE REACTIONS – ACTS 17

INTRODUCTION: Paul continues his _____ missionary journey. We will follow him to three different cities where we see three different reactions to the Gospel.

I: THESSALONICA – OPPOSING THE WORD (1-9)

1. A busy city on the _____ highway to Rome.
2. Went into the _____ and reasoned for _____ weeks. Results...
 - a) Some _____ believed
 - b) A _____ of Greeks
 - c) Many of the chief _____
3. Opposition by those who would not _____. Note the reason - _____ (v. 5).

II: BEREA – RECEIVING THE WORD (10-14)

1. Paul, Silas, and Timothy go to Berea, 60 miles away, leaving behind a church that continued _____ for Christ. Paul _____ them for getting the Gospel out so _____ (I Thessalonians 1:6-10). A New Testament _____ is seen here
 - a) Win _____
 - b) _____ them
 - c) Leave them to _____ others
2. Bereans
 - a) Received the _____
 - b) Ready _____
 - c) _____ the Scriptures
3. Opposition (v. 13)

III: ATHENS – MOCKING THE WORD (15-34)

1. Famous city .. a center of _____ and _____. Paul followed the pattern of the Greek teachers and took his _____ to the _____.

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2. Two main _____ controlled Athens

a) Epicureans

- Believed that everything happened by _____
- Believed that _____ was the end of all
- Believed that there were _____ but they were _____ from the world
- Believed that _____ was the chief end of man

b) Stoics

- Believed that _____ was God
- Believed the everything was _____ because everything was the _____ of God
- Believed that every so many years the world _____ in a conflagration and then _____ all over again

3. Paul presents four great truths about God . . .

- a) He is the _____ (24-25)
- b) He is the _____ (26-29)
- c) He is the _____ (30)
- d) He is the _____ (31)

4. Their reactions were

- a) Some _____
- b) Some _____
- c) Some _____

CONCLUSION: Paul seemed to have _____ success in Athens than anywhere else.

The Athenians wanted to _____, they did not want _____, nor did they seemingly want _____. They were lost in _____!

Two converts named:

1. Dionysius the Areopagite
2. A woman named Damaris