



USING REASON TO REVEAL GOD

ACTS 17:1-15

"These men who have turned the world UPSIDE DOWN have come here also ..." v. 6b

I. Revealing the unknown God can be done with _____.

And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." vv. 2-3

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v. 2	he reasoned	used questions and answers
v. 3	he proclaimed	used clear and truthful statements
v. 3	he explained	used the Scriptures
v. 3	he proved	used his personal life

DOES YOUR LIFE PROVE THAT JESUS IS ALIVE?

II. Revealing the unknown God will turn some people's world _____.

But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. v. 5

IS YOUR IDENTITY SETTLED FIRMLY IN WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE?

III. Revealing the unknown God will turn some people's world _____.

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. v. 11

ARE YOU WILLING TO PERSEVERE IN THE HOPE THAT SOME MIGHT RECEIVE CHRIST?

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REVEAL our God,
who wants
to be KNOWN ...

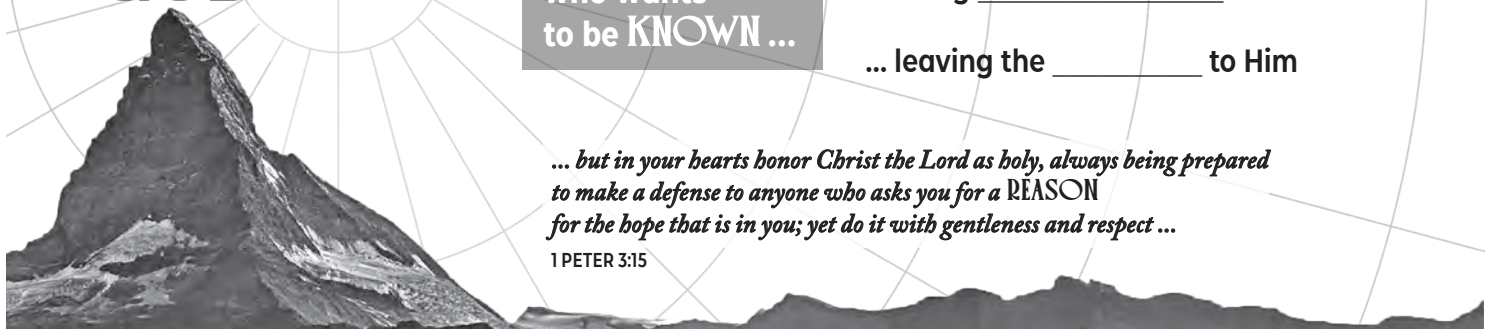
... through _____

... being _____

... leaving the _____ to Him

... but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a REASON for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect ...

1 PETER 3:15



REVEALING THE UNKNOWN GOD

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 17:1-15. What “standard operating procedure” in preaching the gospel did Paul practice in the towns in this passage, just as he did in other places?

“Paul ‘argues’ out of the Scripture and the Bereans ‘examined’ them to see if his arguments were cogent. And we may be sure that Paul welcomed and encouraged this thoughtful response. He believed in doctrine (his message had theological content) but not in indoctrination (tyrannical instruction demanding uncritical acceptance). Thus Paul’s arguments and his hearers’ studies went hand in hand. I do not doubt that he also bathed both in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit of truth to open his mouth to explain, and his hearers’ minds to grasp, the good news of salvation in Christ.”

JOHN STOTT

2. What statements might Paul have used to “reason” with those listening to him in Thessalonica and Berea? (See **USING REASON TO REVEAL JESUS** at the top of the sermon notes to get started.)

3. Compare and contrast the response of the Thessalonians and the Bereans to the gospel.

4. Note that in Berea, the ones who stirred up dissension in the crowds were from Thessalonica. How was the Bereans’ reaction the best way to deal with new and startling teaching?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How important in effective Christian witness is being able to answer questions about the faith? How does Scripture provide the truth for such a defense?

6. How can you imitate the Bereans’ response to new teaching? How can you increase your study of the Word?

FOR FURTHER STUDY: Study Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians (written about a year later) in light of Acts 17:1-15, and note any insights.

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- “Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”*

For more about having a personal relationship with Jesus visit www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

THE 5 P.M. IS COMING BACK Fort Worth Campus, as you look around the room, you’ve probably noticed there’s not a lot of wiggle room! It’s evident that God is moving in our communities as more people begin attending our church, and as God moves hearts to hear the gospel, we want to create more space for that opportunity to happen. So, we are opening a third service! This won’t begin without your help. Will you pray about moving your service time to 5 p.m.? Text PIONEER to 24253!

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY Ever wonder about our Global Missions Ministry? Join us Sunday, Oct. 15 for Lunch With a Missionary! Fellowship with one another and learn how to support the persecuted church around the world. We will be meeting in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/lunch.

WOMEN’S FALL PRAYER RETREAT Join our Women’s Ministry on Friday, Oct. 20 through Saturday, Oct. 21 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Focusing on prayer, you’ll hear messages and testimonies, and have opportunities for personal time in the Word and in community with other Christ Chapel women. Learn about registration and accommodations by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/retreat.

MSM GIRLS NIGHT We are so excited to offer our MSM Girls Night at the West Campus Worship Center. Regardless of what campus you attend, you are invited to join in on the fun, growing in God’s Word and building community. Join us Friday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, Nov. 11 at 12:15 p.m. Learn more and register by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/girls.

HOME GROUP SPRINT The Christian life is meant to be lived in community and Home Groups are a great way to do that! Each week you’ll pray, learn and do life with other believers, growing deeper in your faith and helping others do the same. This fall, we have special content that you won’t want to miss out on - so check out a Home Group near you! Find your group at www.ccbcfamily.org/homegroups.

ELDER PRAYER

God does extraordinary things when we go to Him in prayer, and we’re excited to announce a time for us to do just that with the Elders and their wives! Whether it’s simply an encouragement, or we seek God together for healing, this will be an impactful and intentional time with our leadership. Be a part of this special afternoon after the service on Sunday, Oct. 15 in the Sanctuary.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.