

## TO PROCLAIM AN UNKNOWN GOD

Acts 17:1-34

Key Verse: 17:23

1. Read verses 1-4. Trace Paul's route from Philippi to Thessalonica. Where did Paul first preach? Why? What did he preach? What was the response?
2. Read verses 5-9. Who was behind the opposition? How did they incite the mob? Who was Jason and what happened to him? Was a church established in Thessalonica? What can we learn here?
3. Read verses 10-15. How did Paul and Silas escape from Thessalonica? Where did they go? How are the Bereans described? What makes them noble? Why did Paul have to leave Berea? Where did he go? What can we learn from the Bereans?
4. Read verses 16-18. What distressed Paul in Athens? Where did he first preach? What did he preach? Who heard him preach in the synagogue? Where did they take him from there? (19)
5. Read verses 19-21. What was the response of the Athenian philosophers? How does the writer characterize them?
6. Read verses 22-23. How did Paul begin his message to these Gentile Philosophers of Athens? Read verses 24-31. How is this sermon different from the ones he preached in the synagogues? Why did he use a different approach? What can we learn from him?
7. Read verses 32-34. What did Paul say that really upset/moved his listeners? What was the result of this brief ministry in Athens? What can we learn from Paul about how to preach to people with various backgrounds?