

# Acts 17

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## **Uproar in Thessalonica**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

<sup>2</sup> And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

<sup>3</sup> Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

<sup>4</sup> And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

<sup>6</sup> And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

<sup>7</sup> Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

<sup>9</sup> And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

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## **Paul in Berea**

**10** And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

**11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

**12** Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

**13** But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

**14** And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

**15** And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

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## **Paul in Athens**

**16** Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

**17** Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

**18** Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

**19** And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**32** And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

**33** So Paul departed from among them.

**34** Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

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### **Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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### **Blood** — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

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### **Repent** — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

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### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### **Resurrection** — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

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**Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)**

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

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**Word — λόγος (Logos)**

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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**Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)**

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Parallel theme:** Acts 17:11; 17:13; 20:4; 27:2; Philippians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Timothy 4:10

**Acts 17:2** **Parallel theme:** Acts 9:20; 14:1; 17:17; 18:4; Isaiah 1:18; Luke 4:16; John 18:20.

**Word:** Acts 8:35; 13:5. **References Paul:** Acts 17:10

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Acts 3:18; 9:22. **Resurrection:** Luke 24:46

**Acts 17:4**

**Faith:** Acts 17:12. **Parallel theme:** Acts 14:4. **References Paul:** Acts 13:43; 13:50; 15:22

**Acts 17:5** **Parallel theme:** Acts 17:7; 17:13; Judges 9:4; Romans 16:21; Galatians 5:21; 5:26.

**Faith:** Acts 14:2

**Acts 17:6** **Parallel theme:** Acts 24:5; 28:22; Amos 7:10; Matthew 24:14; Luke 23:5

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**Acts 17:10** **References Paul:** Acts 17:2. **Parallel theme:** Acts 20:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:2

**Acts 17:11** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:100; Proverbs 1:5; 8:10; 9:9; Isaiah 34:16. **Word:** Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 13:23; John 5:39; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2:13

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**Acts 17:20** **Parallel theme:** Hosea 8:12; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2:14; 1 Peter 4:4

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### **Acts 17:24**

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**Acts 17:30** **Parallel theme:** Acts 14:16; Psalms 50:21; 1 Peter 4:3. **Repentance:** Acts 3:19; 11:18; 20:21; Mark 6:12; Luke 24:47. **References God:** Acts 17:23; Romans 3:25

### **Acts 17:31**

**Judgment:** Matthew 10:15; Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 3:7.

**Righteousness:** Psalms 9:8; 96:13; 98:9; Romans 2:5. **Resurrection:** Acts 4:10

### **Acts 17:32**

**Resurrection:** Acts 17:18; 17:31; 26:8. **Parallel theme:** Acts 2:13; 24:25; 25:19; 2 Chronicles 36:16; Luke 14:18; 1 Corinthians 4:10; 2 Corinthians 6:2

**Acts 17:34** **Parallel theme:** Acts 17:19

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