

Sermon Date: January 19, 2014
Paul at Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens – Mars Hill, Acts 17:1-34
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Read Acts 17:1-34

1. Paul and Silas, now on their 2nd Missionary Journey reach Thessalonica.
 - a. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. What was Paul’s heart toward the church in Thessalonica?

 - b. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:12 – what was Paul’s hope for these believers in Thessalonica?

2. What is meant by “according to Paul’s custom” in v. 2? See Acts 9:20, 13:14, 45-48, 17:20 and Romans 1:16-17.

3. What was the response of Paul’s audience (v. 4-9)?

4. What happens to Paul when he gets to Berea?

5. Where does Paul go next (v. 16)?
 - a. What do you think is meant by Paul’s “spirit was being provoked within him” (v. 16)?

 - b. What was he provoked about?

- c. Can you relate to Paul's experience? Have you had a time when your "spirit was provoked within you?"

6. What can we ascertain about Paul's audience (v. 18-21)?

7. Paul uses a different approach in sharing the gospel with this audience (v. 22-31).

- a. How is his approach different?

b. See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Why do you think he shared this way?

c. How can this be a model for us as we share the gospel to different audiences at different times?

8. Comment on the beauty of Paul's speech/sermon:

a. v. 24

b. v. 25

c. v. 27

d. v. 28

9. What was the outcome for Paul's hearers at the Areopagus (v. 32-34)?