

Sermon Notes

The Life of Paul and Evangelism Lessons

From His Message to Athens

Part V

I. Life of Paul.

A. His trade or skill.

1. Tent maker or worker of leather.

B. Trade was used to support his ministry.

1. No one could level an accusation that his gospel Ministry was for profit.
 - a. Acts 21:33-34; I Thessalonians 2:9

C. His instructions on financial support of clergy.

1. I Corinthians 9:6-12; I Timothy 5:17-18

II. Paul's message to Athens.

A. Acts 17:16-31

B. Exposition

1. Verse 28.
 - a. He is now buttressing his contention as noted in verses 26,27, & 28.
 - b. Contrary to the Athenian view of themselves.
 - c. Paul quotes two Greek poets.
 1. Epimenides (6th Century B.C.)
 2. Aratus (315-240 B.C.)

d. How do we understand Paul's use of uninspired sources in his message?

1. No affirmation of Greek source.

2. Properly ascribing to God.

- a. Job 12:10; Daniel 5:23

3. "In Him" – a favorite expression.

- a. Colossians 3:3

4. Missionary usage of cultural terms.

- a. John 1:1

1. "LOGOS" and its cultural background.

5. Live, move, exist (have our being).

- a. Life comes from God.

6. "Offspring of God."

- a. Creator of all, Father of some.

1. Ephesians 1:5

III. Points for Reflection.

- A. We should not fear using a point of contact in popular culture to communicate the truths of the Word, but be careful not to compromise the Word.
- B. All human beings know that God exists because our soul recognizes that life comes from without and the conscience within accuses and confirms their actions.
- C. Spiritual life is a work of God as well as physical life.