

Sermon Notes

The Life of Paul and Evangelism Lessons

From His Message to Athens

Part VII

I. Life of Paul.

A. Text: Acts 17:16-31

B. Review of Key Aspects of Paul's life.

1. His home town – Acts 21:39.
2. His education under Gamaliel – Acts 5:34.
3. Persecutor of the church – Galatians 1:13.
4. His citizenship – Acts 22:28.
5. His conversion – Acts 9:3-12.

C. Things to remember.

1. God used Paul's past experience before conversion to enhance his usefulness in winning the conversion of others.
 - a. We should do the same.
2. Paul's education was extensive. it was useful to him and the church.
 - a. We should not fear theological education.
 - b. Examples.
3. Paul's use of citizenship became a way to protect himself

as well as continue to provide access to the church.

a. Our citizenship can be useful as well.

b. Example.

II. Getting to the most essential.

A. Acts 17:30-31

B. How do we say the "R" word?

1. Postmodern age (Three observations.)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Stick with the Scripture.

3. Pray for boldness – Ephesians 6:18-19.

4. We must touch upon g_____ -- Romans 12:12-16.

5. Proof of our assertion.

a. The R_____ -- Acts 17:30-31.

6. Who is it that opens the heart?

a. Acts 16:14, Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:26-27

III. Learn a Lesson from the Parable.

A. Mark 4:10-20

1. Acts 16:14