



APOSTLES

OF THE APOSTLES



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

MARMARA SEA

GALATIA

AEGEAN SEA

ASIA

CAPPADOCIA

COMMAGENE

ACHAIA

CARIA

PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

LYCIA

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHOENICIA

ABILENE

NABATEA

JUDEA

DEAD SEA

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- ← Paul's route

PAUL'S MISSION – PART 4

ACTS 17

Remember **ACTS 13-19** are Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys.

- In these accounts, we see the cities that Paul and his team planted churches in as the Gospel went forth to the Gentile world.
 - 1. THESSALONICA:** Resisting the Word- **ACTS 17:1-9**
 - 2. BEREIA:** Receiving the Word- **ACTS 17:10-15**
 - 3. ATHENS:** Ridiculing the Word- **ACTS 17:16-34**

ATHENS: RIDICULING THE WORD

- **About the city**

The city was given over to a “*cultured paganism*” that was nourished by idolatry, novelty (**ACTS 17:21**), and philosophy.

- **Paul’s witness**

It did not take long for the philosophers to hear about this “new thing” and they came and listened to Paul and probably debated with him.

PAUL'S DEFENSE

Paul's message is a masterpiece of communication.
He shared four basic truths about God.

1. The **GREATNESS** of God: He is Creator **v. 24**
2. The **GOODNESS** of God: He is Provider **v. 25**
3. The **GOVERNMENT** of God: He is Ruler **v. 26-29**
4. The **GRACE** of God: He is Savior **v. 30-34**

NOW TAKE THE GOSPEL TO YOUR "ATHENS."