

I. Background Of The Sermon

A. The Place

1. It's called "Mars Hill."
2. Mars was the Roman god of war.
3. Paul's hearers, being Greek, would have recognized Ares, the Greek god of war.
4. This place is called the "Areopagus" (v. 19) in honor of Ares.

B. The People

1. The Epicureans (v. 18) were devoted to sensual pleasure.
2. The Stoics (v. 18) avoided any show of emotion.

II. Being Religious Is Not Sufficient (vv. 16, 18, 22-23).

- A. These people were very religious as many today are.
- B. Read Matthew 7:21-23.
- C. We must be right, not just religious.

III. Pure Christianity Sounds Strange To Many (v. 20).

- A. When we talk about no earthly headquarters, no creed, and no conventions, it sounds strange to the world.
- B. The truth unity and simplicity of the Word is unknown to most.
- C. Read Acts 16:20, 21.

IV. We Are Made In God's Image, Not God In Our Image

- A. Read verses 24-28.
- B. Compare Psalm 50:21.

V. We Will Answer For Our Lives

- A. God commands all to repent (v. 30).
- B. Judgment is coming (v. 31).
- C. We will be judged by our deeds (2 Cor. 5:10).