

Lesson Fourteen: Athens and Corinth

Athens (*read verses 17:16–34*)

- 1) How does Luke describe Athens and its people (17:16,21)?

- 2) What did the cultured men think of Paul, and why (17:18, 32)?

- 3) Put yourself in Paul's place addressing well-born intellectuals in an age where class distinctions were stone walls between people. Why was Paul able to face those men confidently? (See also 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.)

- 4) When invited to speak to the prestigious Areopagus (see 17:24-31), what did Paul say about...
 - a) The nature, character, and attributes of God?

 - b) The nature of man?

 - c) Idols?

 - d) Jesus?

- 5) How was this speech in Athens different from what Paul said previously to the Jews (see 9:20, 22; 13:16-41; 17:2-3)?

Corinth (*read verses 18:1-17*)

- 6) What did God promise Paul in Corinth (18:9-10)? How did Paul respond to that promise (18:11)?

- 7) How did God Keep His promise (18:12-17)?

- 8) What do the events of 18:1-17 tell you about God?

Corinth to Ephesus to Antioch (*read verses 18:18-23*)

- 9) Luke's mention of Paul's shaving of his hair as a vow he had taken (18:18) was in the Jewish tradition of expressing thankfulness to God for blessings received and blessings to come. How do Christians today give thanks in such a visible way?

