



## ***“Ambassadors for Christ” – Part 4***

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***Introduction*** – *The apostle Paul travels to Athens to share the Gospel as Christ’s ambassador. Today he is invited to speak to the elite philosophers about his new religion.*

### ***I. Witnessing at the Areopagus.***

- A. The Areopagus met on Mars Hill in Athens.
- B. Paul appeals to them on the basis of the self-evident truth that they are all very religious.
- C. In fact, everyone is religious. Everyone is doing and serving the things that they believe will help them achieve life’s meaning, purpose and fulfillment.
- D. Everyone is worshiping something. And, when that something is not the true God who created you, then it becomes an idol.
- E. The irony of idols: (Psalm 135:15)
- F. An idol is anything that we have made into an ultimate. Something we must have in our life that gives life its ultimate meaning like having money, possessions, recognition, or even a person.

G. In Athens there was an idol for everything.

H. Paul “SAW” (Theoro) the city full of idols.

### ***II. Worshiping an Unknown God.***

- A. Paul helps them understand the God they missed.
- B. The true God is a person, who is the Creator of all things. He is not the work of man’s hands.
- C. Paul then uses their own literature to reason with them and makes his point.
- D. In his witness, Paul answers the three most important questions everyone must answer.
  - 1. Who am I?
  - 2. Where do we come from?
  - 3. Where are we going?
- E. The answers to those questions form the framework of our “belief” system.
- F. Paul astounds the philosophers by telling them he has PROOF that what he is telling them is true.
- G. God raised Jesus from the dead!

***Conclusion.***