

Title: Unknown (g)od

Text: Acts 17:16-31

Target: The way you define God will always be the way you describe God, but most importantly display God.

- I. **Provoked by a Problem:** *"his spirit was **provoked** within him as he saw that the **city was full of idols**" (Vs.16)*
- II. **Power in His Preaching:** *"And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, **"May we know** what this **NEW TEACHING** is that you are presenting?" (Vs.19)*
- III. **Platformed with a Purpose:** *"So Paul, **standing in the midst** of the Areopagus, said: **"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious."** (Vs.22)*
 - A. **Wired to Worship:** *"For as I passed along and observed the **objects of your worship**" (Vs. 23)*
 - B. **Wonder of Worship:** *"I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as **unknown** this I **proclaim** to you." (Vs. 23)*
 - **Can't be Contained:** *"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, **does not live in temples made by man**" (Vs.24)*
 - **Heaven is not Lacking:** *"nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since **he himself gives** to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Vs.25)*
 - **Reveals your Significance:** *"**having determined** allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place" (Vs.26)*
 - **Interested in being Found:** *"that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and **find him**. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for **"In him we live and move and have our being."** (Vs.27-28)*
 - **Set Day for His Return:** *"because he has **fixed a day** on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed." (Vs.31)*
 - **Triumphant over Death:** *"and of this he has given assurance to all by **raising him from the dead.**" (Vs.31)*

Takeaway: The "X" that marks the spot is where a God who may feel unknown becomes known because of the choice that you make to not just regard Him, but reveal Him.