

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: The World in View
Text: Acts 17:16-34 (AM 11/4/07)

In today's text we find Paul in the intellectual center of his world – Athens. This Island of Greek culture housed a pantheon of the philosophies and religions of the world. The internet and the media convert our homes and classrooms into a pantheon of the world's philosophies and religions. Paul's encounter with the Areopagus (Athenians) brings *our world into view ... and consequently gives us a clear **Christian World View**.*

I. The gods of our Culture (16-23)

Man's corrupted world view.

- The god of hedonism (18)
- The god of humanism (18 & 23a)
- The god of hopelessness (23b)

II. The God of all Creation (24-27)

A believers correct view of God.

- Creator of the heavens – *He cannot be conformed to space (24)*
- Creator of all humanity – *He cannot be confined to race (25-26)*
- Creator of our hope – *He cannot be comprehended without faith (27)*

III. The Guide for all Christians (28-31)

A Christians complete world view.

- The *author* of His world (28-29a)
- The *authority* of His Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The *atonement* of His Way (29b-30)

Application to life: With whose eyes do you view your world? Are your eyes *distorted* by our depraved culture or *distilled* by the truth of God's Word? Be sure of this truth – *every decision we make is influenced by our world view.*