

D. **Resurrection** (17:29-31)

“and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” Romans 1:4

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. “ I Corinthians 15:3-8

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:3

III. **CHOICES** TO THE REALITY OF GOD (17:32-34)

A. Some **defied** against Jesus (17:32a).

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” Galatians 6:7

B. Some **delayed** about Jesus (17:32b).

“Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.” Proverbs 27:1

C. Some **decided** for Jesus (17:33-34).

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:” John 1:12

GOD IS REAL!

THE GOD QUESTIONS
Exploring Life’s Great Questions About God
Is God Real?
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INTRODUCTION

A. We all have questions about God. The God Questions teaching series is designed to give you answers to your deepest questions about God. You will gain a better knowledge of God and a closer connection with Him.

“for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: Acts 17:23

B. There are many questions about God, however, there are seven major questions that pretty much everyone asks.

TODAY	Is God Real?
March 10	Is The Bible God’s Word?
March 17	What Is God Like?
March 24	Why Does God Allow Suffering?
March 31	Did God Create The World?
April 7	Why Hasn’t God Answered My Prayers?
April 14	How Can I Know God Personally?

These are tough questions and you will be given a Biblical answer.

C. **TEXT:** Acts 17:15-34 (Pew Bible/Pg 1090/New Test)

The city of **Athens** was at that time the cultural and intellectual capital of the world. Paul went there not as a sightseer, but to courageously proclaim to them that God is real.

IS GOD REAL?

- The Bible **begins** with the assumption that God exists.
“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1
- A person accepts or rejects God by **faith**.
“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6
- It is **foolish** to say there is no God.
“The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”
Psalm 14:1a

I. **CATEGORIES** OF THE REALITY OF GOD (17:15-22)

- A. The atheist says **no** (17:15-16).
- B. The agnostic says **maybe** (17:17-21).
- C. The advocate says **yes** (17:22-23)

II. **CASE** FOR THE REALITY OF GOD (17:24-31)

A. **Creation** (17:24)

“Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;”
Isaiah 44:24

“13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.”
Psalm 139:13-14, 16

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”
Psalm 19:1

*“19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.
20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.”*
Romans 1:19-20

B. **Provision** (17:25)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”
James 1:17

“Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”
Acts 14:17

“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”
Matthew 5:45

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”
Romans 2:4

C. **Sovereign** (17:26-28)

“All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, “What have You done?”
Daniel 4:35