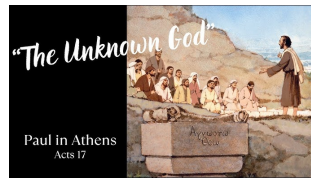


## ***“It All Comes Down to THIS ...***

### **Acts 17:22-31**



Introduction: The Apostle Paul gave his life to tell people about the TRUE God and the only way of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Joshua 24:14-15:**

The Gospel is good news only in the context of the truth concerning the bad news!

Your level of commitment to Christ and to the Church is directly related to what you believe ... what you KNOW to be true.

### **Acts 4:11-12:**

*The knowledge of the one, true and only God, and His sovereign plan, leads to comfort, hope, assurance, and peace of heart and mind as we move forward as followers of Christ.*

### **I. The reality of deception ...**

DECEPTION is real ... and it is growing!

### **Acts 17:22-23:**

Political deception is disastrous enough, but religious/spiritual deception is worse because it has eternal consequences.

The “religious” climate of our nation is tolerance and acceptance ... but Christianity cannot and does not coexist with any other religion.

### **II Corinthians 6:14-18:**

Being kind does not mean refusing to confront people with truth that can set them free from their spiritual bondage.

### **II Timothy 3:12-13:**

### **II. The reality of the one true God ...**

### **Acts 17:23b-29:**

Deception begins by rejecting Genesis 1, and continues by accepting Satan’s lie that YOU can decide for yourself what is true and what is false.

### **II Peter 3:16; Isaiah 5:20:**

**Romans 1:18-20:** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth” (vs. 18).

God’s sovereignty includes the times and boundaries of every nation.

### **Daniel 2:20-21:**

The GOSPEL tells you that through faith in Jesus Christ you ARE a child of God, you have a Savior who intercedes for you at the right hand of the Father, and His Spirit lives within you!!

### **III. The reality of the future He has planned ...**

Our nation has been blessed by God’s amazing grace and the commitment of the majority to worship the God of their forefathers.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” ...

### **Acts 17:30-31:**

The future of our nation and of the world has already been determined by GOD!!!

### **I Corinthians 15:20-28:**

Jesus Christ is the Savior of those who believe ... and He is Lord over all things ... AND He is the coming Judge, of the living and the dead.

Through the preaching of the Gospel the kingdom of heaven was proclaimed throughout the world, to all nations, and the way INTO that kingdom was made known.

**Matthew 24:12-14:** “And the gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the END will come” (vs. 14).

God tells us what lies ahead before Jesus comes: DECEPTION!!!

**II Thessalonians 2:8-12:** “Therefore GOD sends them a strong delusion, ... that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth ...” (vss. 11-12).