

FULLY FUNCTIONING FOLLOWERS GET
Part 5: LET MY PEOPLE THINK
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“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 8:12 (NIV)

THINKING ABOUT THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT

ACTS 2: PETER (DAY OF PENTECOST – JERUSALEM)

AUDIENCE: _____

- CONCEPT OF GOD: _____
- UNANIMOUS _____ IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
- UNDERSTOOD THE CONCEPT OF _____
- PURPOSE OF THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM: _____
- BELIEF IN A COMING _____ WHO WOULD DEAL WITH SIN.

_____ MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING: STARTED WITH THE _____

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵ David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’....

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

RESPONSE: THOUSANDS _____ IN ONE DAY

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

ACTS 17: PAUL (MEETING OF THE AREOPAGUS – ATHENS)

AUDIENCE: _____

- CONCEPT OF GOD: _____ GOD?
- _____ BELIEF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
- NO CONCEPT OF SIN
- PURPOSE OF THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM: _____
- NO BELIEF IN A COMING _____.

ASSUMED _____ MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING: STARTED WITH _____

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

RESPONSE: FEW _____, LOTS OF _____.

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

THE CURRENT PROBLEM:

- CHURCHES ARE TEACHING _____ AS IF THEY ARE _____.
 - WE ASSUME _____ WHERE THERE IS NONE.
- CHURCHES/CHRISTIANS ARE NOT ENGAGED IN _____

 - FOUNDATION: WE ARE _____, WE _____, WE
ARE _____.

"God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them." Genesis 1:27
(NIV)

"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" Genesis 3:11
(NIV)

"So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden" Genesis 3: 23 (NIV)

- WALLS: GOD SENT HIS _____ TO DIE FOR OUR _____ AND TO
CONQUER _____.

"'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'" 1 Peter 2:24
(NIV)

- ROOF: FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE _____ FOR
_____ LIFE IN THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23
(ESV)

- CHURCHES ARE _____ THE _____:
 - "GOD HAS A _____ FOR YOUR LIFE."

- “DON’T WORRY ABOUT THE _____, JUST FOCUS ON _____.”
 - RESULT: JESUS ISN’T MY _____, HE’S MY _____

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I am a Christian, and I want to consider how to more accurately share the message of Christ with others in our culture, consider checking out the following resources
 - *Gospel Reset*, by Ken Ham
 - *God Has a Wonderful Plan for Your Life: The Myth of the Modern Message*, by Ray Comfort. (You can download a free pdf copy, or request a free book by visiting www.freewonderfulbook.com)
- Commit to be here the next three weeks as we continue this series.