Getting to Know “The Unknown God”
Acts 17:22-31

Introduction:
A. The altar “To The Unknown God” was a product of Athens’ diverse religious climate.
   1. Idolatry. (v. 16).
   2. Judaism. (v. 17).
   3. Philosophy. (v. 18).
      a. Epicureans taught sovereignty of man - pleasure and freedom from pain highest goal. (Humanism).
      b. Stoics made a god of reason and logic and held passion in disdain.
B. The altar “To The Unknown God” and Athenians’ willingness to hear anything new was opportunity to Paul.
C. Paul proclaimed the fundamentals of “The Unknown God.”

Discussion:

II. “The Unknown God” Is A Personal God.
A. Not an impersonal object or force, but a person. (vv. 28, 29; cf. Heb. 1:3).
   2. Unlike abstract “force” or “first cause” of philosophers.
B. Has attributes of a person.
   1. Has mind. (1 Cor. 2:16).
   2. Thinks. (Isa. 55:8,9; Psa. 40:17)
   4. Speaks. (Heb. 1:1).
   6. Cares (1 Pet. 5:6,7)
   7. Jealous (Ex. 20:5)

III. “The Unknown God” Is A Powerful God.
A. His creative power. (vv. 24-26 cf. Gen. 1, 2)
B. His sovereign power. (v. 24)
   1. Giving Him the right to be worshipped as He pleases. (v. 24, 25).
   2. Giving Him the right to command all men. (v. 30).
   3. Giving Him the right to judge the world. (v. 31).
C. His infinite power.
   1. Unlimited by space. (vv. 24, 27; cf. 1 Kings 8:27; Acts 7:48,49).
      a. Cannot escape His presence. (Ps. 139:7,8; Jonah 1:3,4).
      b. Can escape His fellowship. (2 John 9-11).
   2. Unlimited by time. (Psa. 90:2; 2 Pet. 3:8).
D. His Self-sustaining power. (v. 25).
   1. Does not need our worship - we need to worship.
   2. Does not need our service - we need to serve.
   3. Does not need our money - we need to give. (cf. Phil. 4:17).
E. His providential power.
   2. By which we can overcome temptation and trial. (1 Cor. 10:12, 13).
F. His saving power. (vv. 30-31; cf. Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
   1. Saved by death and resurrection of Christ. (Rom. 4:25).

Conclusion:
A. Do you honor and obey God as your Lord?
B. Do you commune with Him as a person?
C. Are prepared for His Judgement Day?