

I. Paul at Mars Hill

- A. God is Creator
- B. God is close
- C. God has fixed a day of judgment
- D. God has declared to all people – repent

II. Danger of an Incomplete Response to The Gospel

A. John 8:31-36

- 1. Many had believed
- 2. Jesus speaks to those who had made a response
- 3. True disciples (believers) continue in the word
 - a. They will know the truth
 - b. They will know freedom
- 4. Freedom from sin is in view
- 5. The Lord did not want those who had made a step towards Him to be deceived about what that would mean

B. Parable of the sower – Matthew 13:10-23

- 1. The sower is a person who is spreading the message of the gospel
 - a. Sow the word
 - (1) Concerning Christ
 - (2) Concerning salvation in Christ
- 2. Response to the efforts of the sower
 - a. Some will ignore it completely
 - b. Some will respond superficially
 - (1) Receive the word with joy

- (2) They do not take into account what walking with Jesus means
 - (a) The world hates Jesus, the Christ
 - (b) The world will oppose those who associate with Jesus
 - c. Some will respond partially
 - (1) They will take in the word
 - (2) They do not fully trust
 - (a) Life is still tied to this brief existence
 - (3) Word is choked out by:
 - (a) Worry concerning life
 - (b) Deceitfulness of wealth
 - d. Some will receive the message thoughtfully and wholeheartedly
3. Why does Jesus give this parable?
- a. To alert those who would spread the word about what would happen
 - b. To warn those who are listening to think seriously about what they are hearing
- C. All we like sheep have gone astray – we have turned each one to his own way
- 1. To get back to God we must first leave something
 - 2. Then by faith we embrace something
 - 3. Both actions, repentance and faith, are part of a single act of conversion