**Eastside *Life* Church – March 13, 2016**

**Can’t we all just get along – Part 4**

**Knowing the ‘unknown God’**

*What Paul’s discourse @ The Areopagus in Athens teaches us*

**Context:** The Gospel spreads to Athens Greece. **Acts 17:16-34**

Idol: any object, person, idea that supplants true knowledge of God.

Paul **reasoned** using His ‘intellect’ – Greeks valued ‘wisdom’.

**Paul ‘*loves’* the idol worshippers – no hate speech here!**

* Paul stands in the midst and declares: God the creator / purpose of nations / God no longer overlooks ignorance about idolatry / God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to repent / resurrection.
* ‘Made from one blood’: stops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its tracks
* ‘God is not far from us’ – religiosity creates distance
* ‘Shaped by art & man’s devising’ – don’t try to ‘create’ God.
* ‘Commands all men everywhere to repent’ – not optional.
* To ‘repent’: turn / change of mind after the fact.
* The whole focus of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is Jesus.
* 3 different responses: mockery / delay / repentance & belief.

**Final Word: What we can learn from all this…**

*… and how its relevant right here in town… in our lives*

1. We can ‘know’ the ‘unknown’ God.
2. This ‘knowing’ is by means of revelation through the Holy Spirit.

 **1 Corinthians 2:10a, 12 / Ephesians 1:18-19**

**Notes**

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