

Pagans Encountering the True Gospel - Acts 17G

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1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

We come to our Heavenly Father through the shed blood of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, guided by His Holy Spirit. We do not need pagan gods for each item.

John 8:32,36 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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Summarized of Cain bringing good works.

Ephesians 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; & that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Acts 17:26-27 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:

devil tries to deflect people away from the True God like Adam & Eve.

1 Kings 12 Jeroboam set up another religion for the Isrealites.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Acts 17:28 For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

Jesus gave us His Holy Spirit to lead & guide us. The world has familiar spirits & demons to guide them.

In the Gospel of Mark, the Lord Jesus healed more people by casting out demons.

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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Luke 19:39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

John 15:24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Joshua 2:9,10 And she (Rahab) said unto the men, I know that the LORD

hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

Jesus & John the Baptist both said "Repent".

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

Mark 7:20-23 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, & defile the man.

Acts 17:31 Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Revelation 20:7,8 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Jesus in Matthew & Luke 4 replied to satan "It is written..."

Summarized of Jesus' resurrection from the grave.

Luke 16 summarized parable of the rich man & Lazarus.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Luke 9:1;2 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Acts 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; & let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Acts 17:32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting

life.

Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

1Kings 18:37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

Romans 1: 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

Acts 2 Holy Spirit empowered Believers. Compare Acts 1 & 2.

Acts 17:33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, (Judge) and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Deuteronomy 18 referred to God not wanting His people involved in the occult.

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