



SERMON NOTES

The Book of Acts

Right Side Up!

Pastor Carl Toti - June 8-9, 2019

Acts 17:1-9 (NKJV)

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. 5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. 7 Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king--Jesus." 8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. 9 So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Acts 17:6b (NKJV)

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

RIGHT SIDE UP IN AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

Ralph Waldo Emerson: Self-Reliance (1841)

For nonconformity the world whips you with its displeasure. And therefore a man must know how to estimate a sour face.

SPIRITUAL GYROSCOPE

SCRIPTURE _____

Acts 17:2 (NKJV)

2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

GOD'S WORD ULTIMATE _____!

- (1) Tradition
- (2) Human Reason
- (3) Existentialism
- (4) The Holy Scriptures

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

SABBATH _____

Hebrews 10:25 (NCV)

25 You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

Luke 4:16 (ESV)

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

SAVIOR _____

Acts 17:3 (NKJV)

3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

ALL ABOUT JESUS

(1) Christ was God with us born of a virgin, (Isaiah. 7:14).

(2) Christ's earthly genealogy made him a direct descendent of the royal house of David, (Isaiah 11:1, 10).

(3) His first advent was at the appointed time, (Daniel 9:24-27).

(4) Christ's redemptive work and suffering fulfilled all Old Testament prophecies concerning His first coming and sufferings, (Isaiah 53).

(5) Christ was confirmed by the signs, wonders and various miracles He performed while on the earth, (Hebrews 2:3-4).

SEVERING _____

Acts 17:4 (NKJV)

4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

WHAT CAN CORRUPT YOUR INTERNAL GYROSCOPE?

SPITEFULNESS

Acts 17:5 (NKJV)

5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

Psalms 26:5 (GW)

5 I have hated the mob of evildoers and will not sit with wicked people.

Mark 15:11 (TLB)

11 But at this point the chief priests whipped up the mob to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus.

SENSELESSNESS

Acts 17:6 (NKJV)

6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

STAY RIGHT SIDE UP!

Answers:

1. READING
2. AUTHORITY
3. REMEMBERING
4. RECEIVING
5. REJOICINGLY