

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 17:22-28



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23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

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;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 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:

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.

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Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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i. Its Logical Beginning, 17:22-23

- I am Appalled at Your Ignorance, 17:22-23a “Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD...”



Parthenon on Acropolis - Athens Greece

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Athens Acropolis from Mars Hill - Athens Greece



City of Athens Aerial from Mars Hill - Athens Greece



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<http://www.greecetravelphotos.com/athens.html>

Original Word: δεισιδαίμων

Transliteration: deisidaimonesteros

Definition: respectful of what is divine; religious, perhaps, superstitious (the usual meaning).

deisidaimonésteros (from *deidō*, "to dread" and *daimōn*, "a deity") – properly, religious (superstitious) fear, driven by a confused concept of God – producing "sincere" but *very misdirected* religion. Indeed, this is *the mark of heathenism*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1174.htm>

1 Cor. 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.**

Original Word: σέβασμα

Transliteration: sebasma

Definition: an object of worship or veneration. (**devotions**)

sébasma – devotion shown to a deity, especially in relation to religious objects of worship. <https://biblehub.com/greek/4574.htm>

2 Thess. 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Original Word: ἄγνωστος

Transliteration: agnóstos

Definition: unknown, unknowable.

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- I am Appealing to Your Intelligence, 17:23b ...Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.”

Original Word: ἀγνοέω

Transliteration: agnoeó

Definition: I do not know, am ignorant of (a person, thing, or fact), sometimes with the idea of willful ignorance.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/50.htm>

Original Word: εὐσεβέω

Transliteration: eusebeó

Definition: I am dutiful, pious, show piety towards, worship.

eusebéō (from *eusebés*) – pay homage (to revere)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2151.htm>

1 Tim. 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to **shew piety** at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

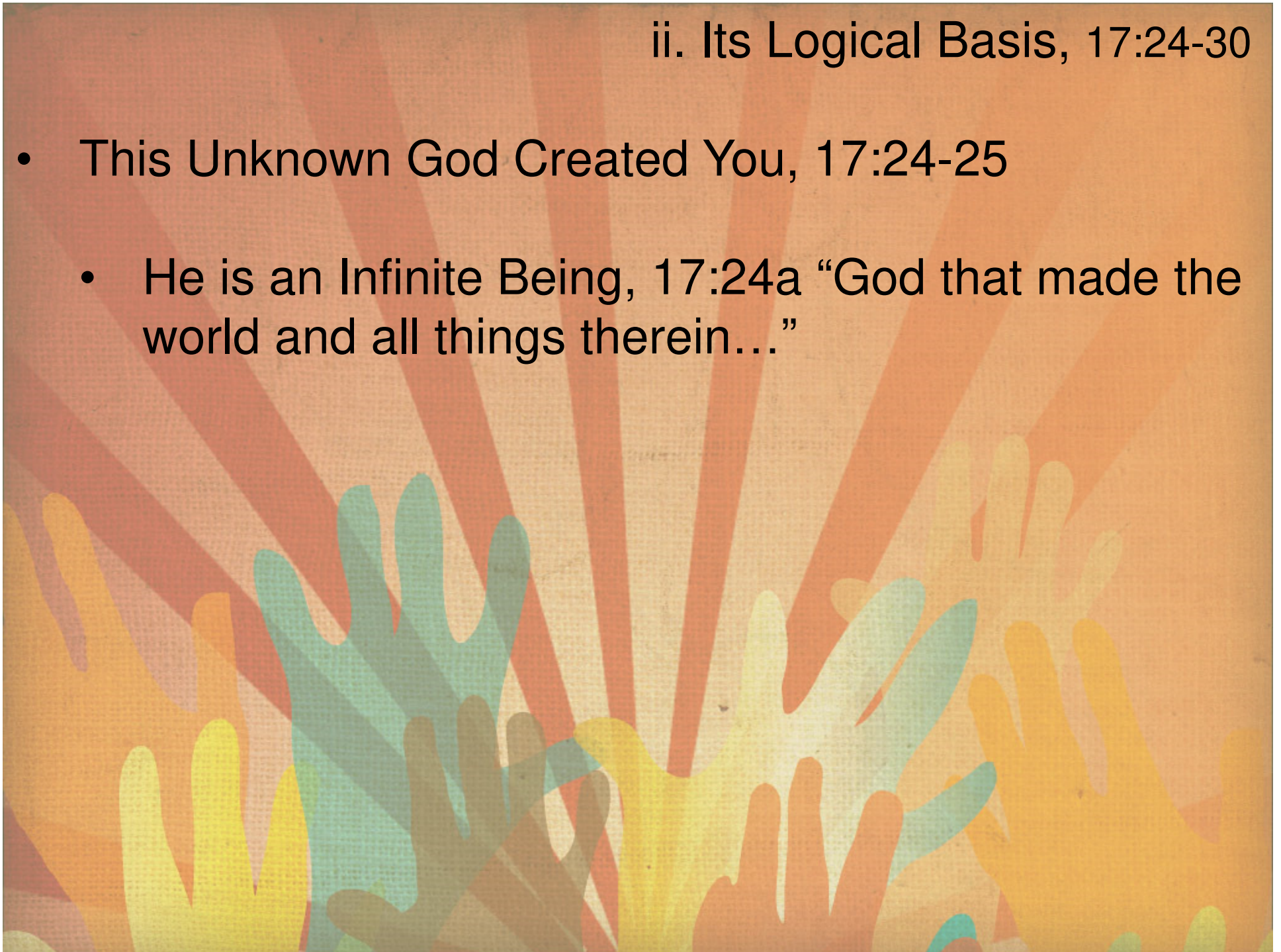
Rom. 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

ii. Its Logical Basis, 17:24-30

- This Unknown God Created You, 17:24-25
 - He is an Infinite Being, 17:24a “God that made the world and all things therein...”



New International Version

and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

New American Standard Bible

and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

Holman Christian Standard Bible

and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things.

King James Bible

And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things **by Jesus Christ:**

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Eph. 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

- He is an Independent Being, 17:24b-25 "...seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;"

Col. 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And **he is before all things**, and **by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.**

- This Unknown God Controls You, 17:26
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 - As to Place, He has Determined the Boundary of the Nations, 17:26b “...and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;”
- This Unknown God Convicts You, 17:27-29
 - He Underlines what they Had Already Felt, 17:27

Acts 17:27 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:

Original Word: ζητέω

Transliteration: zéteó

Definition: I seek, search for, desire, require, demand.

zētéō – properly, to seek by *inquiring*; to investigate to reach a *binding (terminal)* resolution; to search, "getting to the bottom of a matter."

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2212.htm>

Original Word: ψηλαφάω

Transliteration: psélaphaó

Definition: I feel, touch, handle; I feel after, grope for.

psēlapháō – properly, touch *lightly*, "feel after" to discover (personally investigate). <https://biblehub.com/greek/5584.htm>

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: **handle** me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Heb. 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be **touched**, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

1 Jn. 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have **handled**, of the Word of life;

- He Underlines what they Had Almost Found, 17:28

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.

Conclusion

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.