

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 17:29-34

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

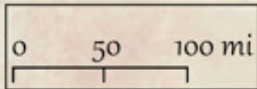
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Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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Col. 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

- He Underlines what they Had Always Forgotten, 17:29

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Jn. 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Original Word: χάραγμα

Transliteration: charagma

Definition: sculpture; engraving, a stamp, sign.

xáragma – properly, an engraving (etching); (figuratively) a mark providing *undeniable identification*, like a symbol giving *irrefutable connection* between parties.

xáragma ("brand-mark") was originally any *impress* on a coin or a seal, used by an engraver on a die (stamp, branding iron). (*xáragma*) later became "*the identification-marker*" (like with an *owner's* unique "brand-mark").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5480.htm>

- This Unknown God Commands You, 17:30

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

Original Word: παραγγέλλω

Transliteration: paraggelló

Definition: I notify, command, charge, entreat solemnly.

paraggéllō – properly, to charge, give a command that is *fully authorized* because it has gone through all the *proper* (necessary) channels.

God commands (*paraggéllō*) *believers* to act as He *authorizes* them through the *revelation* of faith (*His inworked persuasions*). Accordingly, (*paraggéllō*) and faith (*pístis*) are closely connected in the NT – see 1 Tim 1:2-4, 4:11, 12, 5:7, 8.

[(*paraggéllō*) "originally meant to *pass on* or *transmit*; hence, used as a military term, of *passing a watchword* or *command*; and so generally to *command*" (*WS*, 222).] <https://biblehub.com/greek/3853.htm>

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that **all should come to repentance.**

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

1 Thess. 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

iii. Its Logical Burden, 17:31

- Judgment Decreed, 17:31a “Because **he hath appointed a day**, in the which **he** will judge the world...”

Wiersbe outlined Paul's speech as presenting the following:

- the greatness of God: He is Creator (v. 24);
- the goodness of God: He is Provider (v. 25);
- the government of God: He is Ruler (vv. 26-29); and
- the grace of God: He is Savior (vv. 30-34).

Wiersbe, Warren W. *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. 2 vols. Wheaton: Scripture Press, Victor Books, 1989. (Vol. 1, p. 473).

- Judgment Defined, 17:31b “...in righteousness...”
- Judgment Dramatized, 17:31c “...by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that **he hath raised him from the dead.**”

(b) The Limited Success of His
Message, 17:32-34

i. The Derision of Some, 17:32-33

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*.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

ii. The Decision of Some, 17:34

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Conclusion

1 Cor. 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is **the firstfruits of Achaia**, and *that they have addicted themselves to the ministry* of the saints,)

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Col. 4:17 And say to Archippus, **Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.**