

Why Won't They Listen - Answers In Genesis

Paul said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God, who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. Acts 17:22-26 ESV

The United States has the biggest of everything Christian in the world, Bible schools, book stores, radio stations, seminaries, churches -- and yet the nation is becoming less Christian every day. Instead of the church influencing the culture, the culture is infiltrating the church. In many cases the church has lost its true foundation allowing man's ideas to judge the Bible instead of letting God's word be the authority.

Who is the ultimate authority in your life?

We assume that people understand the words we are saying, but many times they don't. Words mean different things to different people. Many people compartmentalize their lives, giving God one part by going to church and doing religious things, while reserving the rest of their lives for living however they want.

How consistent is your life? Are you the same person everywhere you are?

Peter preached to a creation based culture. The Jewish people believed that God created the world in seven days. They believed that all people have sinned and they believed that God would send the promised Savior, the Messiah. When Peter explained to them that Jesus was the Savior that they were seeking they understood the message and many believed.

Where do you believe the world came from? What is the basis for your belief system?

When Paul shared the message of Christ with the Greeks he was speaking to people with a different history and values than the Jewish believers. When preaching in Athens, Greece, Paul said he had found an altar with the inscription, "To the unknown god." Paul didn't start by telling the people that all of their other gods were false. Instead he introduced them to the God who made the world and everything in it."

God will meet each of us where we are in life. *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."* John 3:17 ESV

Our nation was built on Biblical values and morals. It has only been in very recent years that the Bible and all references to faith are being removed from the public sector. As a result the foundation of our nation is becoming increasingly secular and humanistic. Since removing values from education we are witnessing violence, school shooting, abortions, and the failure of marriages and relationships on a scale that has never before been seen in our nation. Do you think there is a connection between these two things?

There are many false gods in the world today. Some people put their trust in money, but the recent economic downturn has shown us how trustworthy money really is. God tells us that we should follow Him and He will take care of us. *"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* Matthew 6:33-34

Dear Lord, each day has many troubles of its own. Help us to seek You and choose to live Your way, trusting that You will take care of us. Help us to share Your love in word and deed to all those who we come into contact with. You know all of our thoughts and all of our deepest needs, wash away all that is wrong in our lives and fill us with You abiding joy and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.