



Reasoning and Receiving

Acts 17:1-15

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In Thessalonica, we see a model for gospel proclamation, while in Berea, we see a model for gospel reception that offers insights into we should receive God's Word.

An Abbreviated Bibliology (doctrines we believe about the Bible):

1. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself
2. Since the Bible is God's revelation of Himself, it is inherently authoritative
3. Since the Bible is God's authoritative revelation of Himself to man, it holds immeasurable value

How Paul proclaimed God's truth in Thessalonica, and how the Bereans received God's truth, provide examples for us to learn from and follow.

1. Evangelistic Proclamation includes Reasoning with Explaining and Proving (Acts 17:2-4).

2. We should receive God's Word with eagerness and daily examination (Acts 17:10-11).

Questions to Consider

1. What are some reasons why the Bible is unique, and not simply a document of ancient literature? What are some verses you would use to explain its uniqueness?
2. What does the Bible say about a Christian's responsibility to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20)?
3. How are you receiving God's Word? Do you meditate on it regularly, and consider how it applies to your own life? Read 1 Peter 2:2. Do you crave the Word of God, so that by it you will grow? If that desire is not strong, make it a regular point of prayer this week.
4. In what ways are you being diligent to examine Scripture to make sure that what you say and what you post reflect biblical truth? When considering the nature of man, are you careful to see that your ideas about man and his needs are rooted in God's Word?
5. Ask God to energize your commitment and GBC's commitment to the truth of God's Word, to the degree that we would be turning the world upside down.