

## Acts 17:22-34: Paul's Apologetic Method

- **Defining Terms**

1. Apologetics (I Peter 3:15)
2. The Myth of Neutrality (Matthew 6:24, Matthew 12:30, II Corinthians 10:5)
3. Presuppositions

- **Two Important Truths**

1. We should know what others b\_\_\_\_\_ in order to show our c\_\_\_\_\_ for them and to know how best to show them the e\_\_\_\_\_ of their w\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 26:5)
2. We should do this with g\_\_\_\_\_ and r\_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 3:15).

- **Paul's Presuppositions in Athens**

1. In verses 22 and 23, he presupposes that all men k\_\_\_\_\_ God but s\_\_\_\_\_. R\_\_\_\_\_ could be translated "f\_\_\_\_\_ of the s\_\_\_\_\_ spirits" (Romans 1:21-23).
2. In verses 24-26, he presupposes that S\_\_\_\_\_ is f\_\_\_\_\_ truth. He treats the O\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ as a\_\_\_\_\_ just as he does with Jews and God-fearers (Isaiah 42:5-8, Exodus 20:4, Isaiah 66:1, Isaiah 40:18-20, Genesis 1:27-28, Psalm 50:12-13, Genesis 2:7, Psalm 74:16-17, Genesis 8:22, Deuteronomy 32:8-9, Daniel 4:34-35).