

How to Begin Believing

*I believe
in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the one holy church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

A Seven-Step Search from Acts 17:16-34

1. Pay attention to the _____ dimension to your life.

The Step of INTEGRATION

Verse 22: “Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.”

2. Be willing to _____.

The Step of OPENNESS

Verses 19-20: “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and *we want to know* what they mean.”

1. Admit the insufficiency of _____.

The Step of HONESTY

Verse 23: “I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.”

2. Discover the reason God made you: _____
_____.

The Step of DISCOVERY

Verses 26-27: “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. ²⁷God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him.”

3. Become dissatisfied with your _____.

The Step of DISCONTENT

Verse 30: “In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”

4. Come to terms with _____.

The Step of DIVISION

Verses 31-32: ³²“When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some sneered, but others said, ‘We want to hear you again on this subject.’”

5. Your evaluation should result in _____.

The Step of DECISION

Verse 34: “A few men became followers of Paul and believed.”

This Week's Assignment

Read Chapters 5-6 in *The Anchor Course*



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