

# GCFSM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022 | SERMON OUTLINE ISSUE #15

## CONTEND FOR THE GOSPEL

ACTS 17:16-34 | REV. MARK MAGANGAT

Paul visited Athens in his second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-18:22). He embarked on the journey accompanied by Silas (Acts 15:40), and they were later joined by Timothy (16:1-4). Paul and his companions passed through the provinces of Asia Minor and then crossed the Aegean Sea together with Luke (16:10-11). Starting from the northern provinces of Macedonia (the northern part of modern Greece), they first visited Philippi and then moved to Thessalonica and Berea.

They encountered many difficulties. In Philippi, Paul and Silas were beaten by the rulers and thrown into prison (Acts 16:16-24), and in Thessalonica, they faced great persecution by the Jews who incited the city against them (Acts 17:1-9). They escaped to Berea but were then followed by the Jews of Thessalonica who stirred some of the locals against Paul and his companions (17:10-13). In response, Paul was smuggled out of the city and escorted to Athens (17:14-15).

While in Athens, Paul saw that the city was full of idols and he was convicted by the Holy Spirit to preach in the synagogue. He was convicted to preach about the gospel and the resurrection of Jesus to the Jews and Gentiles seeking God. Paul reasoned with three groups of people: (1) the Jews and God-fearing Gentiles in the synagogue on the Sabbath;

(2) people in the marketplace, and (3) the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.

Paul could not just sit by and do nothing when he saw idols and idol worship prevalent everywhere. So he went into the marketplace daily and preached the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Although accused of being a babbling and bullied by bashers who seemed to think he was talking nonsense, or that "Jesus" and "Resurrection" referred to gods that were foreign to the Athenians, Paul was still given an audience. Paul took that chance to preach the gospel.

All in all, Paul models for us how we, too, must contend for the gospel. Paul teaches us to faithfully proclaim the gospel, to know God and to make Him known, and preach repentance. May God, indeed, find us faithful as we contend for the Gospel. ✠



## SERMON OUTLINE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TO CONQUER DEATH**  
Good Friday Service  
April 15, 2022 | 2:00 PM
- **JESUS OUR RESURRECTED KING**  
Easter Sunday Service  
April 17, 2022 | 9 AM & 4 PM
- **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!**  
The Exalting Ministry is looking for:

**USHERS** - who are willing to serve on Sunday Services and other special events.

**CHOIR MEMBERS** - who are available on weekends for rehearsals and recordings.

For more details, contact:  
P. Revin Vasallo  
Exalting Ministry Director  
09178752021

D. Donnie Wahing  
Head Usher  
09918288826 / 09993601225

Sam Yucoco  
Chancel Choir Director  
09178830701

