



THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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Keep the _____ in mind when reading Acts 17.

The right response to God's word depends on the _____
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Mixed Responses in Thessalonica [Acts 17:1-9]

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ACTS 17:1-5 ESV

We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it

really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13 ESV

Eager Reception in Berea [17:10-15]

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ACTS 17:11 ESV

The Bereans _____ Paul's teaching and _____ received it as the word of God.

Mockery in Athens [17:16-34]

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ACTS 17:22-23 ESV

Take Home Principles

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