

Mars Hill Apologetics

1. Paul Affirms What They Already Knew to Be True (22-28).

2. The God of the Bible Is the Solution They Need (29).

3. Jesus Is Validated as Judge By His Resurrection (30-34).

CONCLUSION: Paul interacts with the philosophers in Athens differently than we have seen before. He presents Christ as the culmination of all their hopes and dreams that their own philosophical systems could not attain. In many ways this is the same approach as He takes with those in the synagogue. It is just that the philosophers are at a different starting point. No matter whom we are speaking with, Jesus has been shown to be what we truly need through His resurrection from the grave. Let us be faithful in presenting Him as He truly is—the righteous Judge of all the earth!

Isaiah 30: 18

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

Second Peter 3: 8 – 18

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Habakkuk 2: 2 – 4

And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.
For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.
“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.