

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 30, 2020
Here Comes the Church!
Part 14: The Bookends of the Church, Acts 17:1-33

As we continue to follow up our celebration of the birth of the Church on Pentecost Sunday, we look at how the early church lived out their faith based on being filled with the Spirit. What does that mean for the church today?

TODAY'S TRUTH The Holy Spirit came upon the original followers of Jesus Christ at Pentecost, solidifying them and empowering them as His people, His Church. **The Church's continual witness is that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, for those who reject Him as well as those who receive Him, until the Day of Judgment.**

1. JESUS IS THE CHRIST

Acts 17: 3 *“This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.”*

- *Prophesied Messiah– Isaiah 53:3, John 20:31*
- *Proven Messiah– Acts 17:31*

2. THE JOB OF THE CHURCH

Acts 17:6 *“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”*

- *Incite the Rejecters– Titus 2: 11-14*
- *Inspire the Receivers– Philippians 2:16*
- *Instruct the Restless– Romans 2: 4-6*

ONLY ONE RACE – THE HUMAN RACE

- *The Christian gospel is fundamentally incompatible with racial prejudice. The Bible teaches us four crucial facts we must never forget:*
 1. *All people are equally created in God's image.*
 2. *All are deeply loved by God.*
 3. *All are stained and tainted by sin.*
 4. *All are able to be redeemed.*

3. THE JUDGMENT IS COMING

Acts 17:31 *“because He has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*

- *The Call for Repentance– Acts 3: 17-21*
- *The Context of Righteousness – Psalm 9: 7-10, John 5: 22-27*

CONCLUSION

The Church is God's hope for the world, as we proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. In this proclamation is the truth, that men need a Savior; so we act with urgency because we live in the midst of a society headed toward a Christ-less eternity.