



5. As a follow-up and example, Mark Twain had a saying about three cities in the USA. In Boston, they ask 'what does he know?' In New York, they ask, 'how much money does he make?', but in Philadelphia, they ask, 'what family does he come from?' Each of these sayings point out the particular idols of each city: education, wealth, family pedigree. What idol(s) have you seen in Bakersfield?

6. Paul explained the one true God to these educated men of Athens. They were, in general, very religious, but they did not know God. Fast forward to today where we live in a "Christian society" but God is still unknown to most people. Why? How can religious people not know God?

7. In verses 24-31, Paul lays out great principles to show the Greeks who the true God is. State the principle for each verse given below:

Verse 24:

Verse 25:

Verse 26:

Verse 27:

Verse 29:

Verses 30-31:

### **Pray**

- For boldness in recognizing idols in our life and in our surroundings and turning them over to God.
- For a recommitment to a Christ-led life.
- For our church as we continue to make disciples who make disciples.

### **Final Thought**

Christianity is a relationship that God established with His children. In Christianity, God is the aggressor and man is the beneficiary (Romans 8:3). The Bible states that there is nothing man can do to make himself right with God (Romans 3:23, 6:23). God did for us what we cannot do for ourselves (Colossians 2:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Our sin separates us from His presence and sin must be punished (Romans 6:23). But because God loves us, He took our punishment upon Himself through His son, Jesus Christ. All we must do is accept God's gift of salvation through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace is God's blessing for the underserving!