

Order of Service - October 10-11, 2015

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Is Christianity Too Narrow?

Why Christianity is deemed so narrow is that we often look at how it is practiced instead of the one who is behind it all.

What we need to understand is that religion is man's attempt to reach and have a relationship with God. Whereas Christ is God's attempt to reach us.

How God answers this question - Acts 17:16-31

1. First of all God loves it when we look for Him even if we miss it at first.

His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. vs. 27

2. He knew we would miss it if left to our own efforts.

“Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ vs. 23a

3. He provided inclusivity and clarity for the entire world through Jesus Christ.

This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about. vs. 23b

For God so loved the world (not just part of it) He sent His son. Jn. 3:16

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me". John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus...Anyone who believes in me will live... John 11:25 (NLT)

4. He validated the way by resurrecting Jesus from death back to life never to die again.

"He proved to everyone who this (Jesus Christ) is by raising Him from the dead. vs. 31

Going deeper on your own. Go to www.exploreGod.com and watch the segment "Is Christianity too Narrow". Now, read Acts 17:16-31. Think what would this look like today. Can you envision where this could be you and what would you do