



Three Types of Hearers

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▶ **Athens (17:16-21)**

- ▶ Divorced the message from its implications

▶ **Thessalonica (17:1-9)**

- ▶ Rejected the message because they rejected its implications

▶ **Berea (17:10-12)**

- ▶ Accepted the message and then accepted its implications

“For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.”

(Ephesians 1:15-19)

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

(Ephesians 3:14-19)

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

(1 Timothy 1:5)

James 1:21-27

- ▶ **The Thessalonians (v. 21)**
- ▶ **The Athenians (vv. 22-24)**
- ▶ **The Bereans (v. 25)**

“Now these Jews were more *noble* than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

(Acts 17:11)