

Upcoming Events...
Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: Today at 4:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class: Today at 4:00 p.m.
Barnabas Group Meeting: September 25

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Knowledge and Wisdom

What Ignorance Does to the Church

By Ben Justice

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...”
 Proverbs 1:7

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”
 Proverbs 9:10

- 1. Ignorance** causes the church to forget the fundamentals of Christianity. Peter declared, *“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth”* (2 Peter 1:13).
- 2. Ignorance** causes false doctrine to invade the church more easily. Ignorance is causing many, even whole congregations, to be *“carried about with every wind of doctrine”* (Ephesians 4:12).
- 3. Ignorance** causes immorality to invade the church more easily. Paul spoke of such in Romans 1:28, telling about those who *“did not like to retain God in their knowledge.”*
- 4. Ignorance** causes the church to not be able to answer Bible questions. *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that in you with meekness and fear”* (1 Peter 3:15).
- 5. Ignorance** causes the church to not be able to carry on spiritual talk. Paul said, *“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”* (1 Cor. 3:1-3).
- 6. Ignorance** causes the church to be ineffective in evangelism. It is sad indeed when the church can't teach the lost the ABC's of Christianity because of ignorance. God wants all men *“to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Tim. 2:4).
- 7. Ignorance** causes the church to offer unwarranted criticisms. Jesus said, *“But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless”* (Matt. 12:7). People offer unwarranted criticisms many times because of their ignorance.

September Birthdays

2 Linda McGraw 3 Wendy Cortes 11 Marie Burruss
 15 Marcos Perales 16 Jim Burruss 24 Mason Perales
 30 Dortha Gentry 30 Kurt Hoffman

September Anniversaries

13 Wendy & Luis Cortes

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
 Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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8. **Ignorance** causes the church to be rejected by God. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee"* (Hosea 4:6).

We need to take heed to the words of the apostle Paul, *"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame"* (1 Cor. 15:34). There is not much one can do for the person who willfully rejects Bible knowledge. People may not realize it, but this is exactly what a person does when he chooses to miss the services of the church and when he chooses to neglect personal Bible study.

Assessing Our Lives

By Dennis Russell

We need to spend some time every now and then just assessing our lives. When we do it, it would be good to think about the differences Christ has made in our lives. If all we do when we come to church is to think how far we fall short of God's ideals, we can become very discouraged and depressed. If I, like the prophet of old Amos, held up God's plumb line for you to measure the crookedness of your life by the straightness of God's plumb line, you would get depressed. None of us is perfect. Each of us continues to fall short daily. What would our life look like if our life were to be stripped of all God's work and influence?

We are a blessed people. It is good when we gather in worship to think about what our life has been like in Jesus Christ, and to envision all of this suddenly being stripped away. This would indeed motivate us to reflect on the benefits we have enjoyed.

As we assess our lives, it is good to consider God's continuing activity in our lives. What is God doing now? What kind of plan does he have for me in the future? It is so much easier to look back and see how God has worked in the past than it is to see Him at work today. Time and distance often give us a better perspective. The apostle Paul reminds us that in the Christian life there is a dynamic in our relationship with God. It's a relationship that is alive, growing, and open-ended.

President Garfield's Appointment

Author Unknown

James A. Garfield was a gospel preacher, Civil War general, Congressman, Senator, and President of the United States. History will never be able to judge what kind of leader he might have been because he was shot by a crazed office seeker and died after only six months in office. However, the following story might be the standard one should use in judging his conduct as President.

Early one Sunday morning, a group of party leaders came by the White House to see him and discuss a bill they thought should be passed by Congress. They were surprised when President Garfield said he had a very important appointment and would talk to them later that afternoon.

"But Mr. President," one man asked, "What could be more important than this?" Garfield arose and walked to the door, turned to look at the party leaders, and said, "Gentlemen, I have an appointment at the Lord's table." He then left with Mrs. Garfield and went to a Sunday morning worship service.

Lessons from a Child

Author Unknown

A father started to read a magazine, but his little girl Jessica kept interrupting him. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Jessica and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Jessica returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then the world came together."