

## Ignorance

**Ignorance** - lack of knowledge or understanding

1 Peter 1:14-16 - 14 **As obedient children**, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

**Ignorance will be a product-flaw of two processes:**

- **The giving of the message – Either by not giving it or giving it incorrectly**
- **The receiving of the message – Either not receiving it or accepting faulty information**

**\*There is a place for ignorance as part of God's will** - Deut 29:29 The **secret things belong to the Lord our God**, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

**Ignorance is a dangerous choice** - Hos 4:6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "BECAUSE YOU HAVE REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I also reject you as my priests; **BECAUSE YOU HAVE IGNORED THE LAW OF YOUR GOD**, I also will ignore your children.

**The unspiritual are automatically ignorant** - 1 Cor 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are **FOOLISHNESS TO HIM**, and he **CANNOT understand them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

**Unfortunately, Ignorance is bliss** - Eccl 1:18 For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

**Fools reject understanding** - Prov 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

**Most ignorance is due to men hardening their hearts** - Eph 4:17-19 - 17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the **ignorance that is in them DUE TO THE HARDENING OF THEIR HEARTS**. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as **to indulge in every kind of impurity**, with a continual lust for more.

**Ignorance at times is due to only getting half the story** - Matt 4:5-7 - 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus answered him, "**IT IS ALSO WRITTEN**: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

**When we don't live being alert, we can be infected by ignorance of false teaching and it will spread** - Gal 5:7-9 - 7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.

**We must beware of false teachers that teach ignorance** - 2 Peter 2:12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born **only to be caught and destroyed**, and **like beasts they too will perish**. (Acts 19:13-16)

**We must be careful not to be led away by man's unsubstantiated stories** - Col 2:18-19 - 18 **DO NOT LET** anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what **he has seen**, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

**It is our responsibility not to be pulled into ignorance** - Col 2:8 **SEE TO IT** that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world **RATHER THAN ON CHRIST**.

**What must we do to avoid the path of ignorance –**

**We MUST REALIZE there is only ONE truth** - John 14:5-6 - 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**It's not the intelligent that will guide us out of ignorance, but those that soundly teach the Word of God** - 1 Cor 1:21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased **through the foolishness of what was preached** to **save those who believe**.

**We must test the teachers** - 1 John 4:1-3 - Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 **THIS IS HOW YOU CAN RECOGNIZE THE SPIRIT OF GOD**: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

**We must test everything!!!** - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 **Test EVERYTHING**. **Hold** on to the good. 22 **Avoid** every kind of evil.