

IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS!

Many arguments happen not because of a difference of opinion but lack of knowledge. Not having understanding, facts, and details of both sides of the coin. - Escalation comes from bold statements or declarations based on the lack information, thus ignorance is not bliss.

Ignorance is having darkness in one or more areas of your life. Light (knowledge, truth) dispels darkness (unknowingness) from our lives. When God turns on the light (revelation) we can SEE, thus no ignorance.

Something's we will never know, but only because we ran out of time before we got to the learning of them. - The more we know the more we realize how much we don't know.

Ignorant: destitute of knowledge, unlearned, lack of awareness - Not, without, nothing

Rooted in meaning from "IGNORE" – ignore to be ignorant - not paying any attention to, or not giving any attention to - This action could be from not doing, or from doing on purpose.

When we on purpose remain ignorant of the things of God we actually enter into rebellion, and irresponsibility, not wanting to be responsible or accountable – Which is based in selfishness, based in pride. We find in pride two of our most destructive enemies.

Tradition and religion –

- The real issue is that our pride won't allow recognition of religion and religion wont recognize pride.
- **The real problem with ignorance is the lack of movement towards a lack of ignorance.**
- We can have a big part in our ignorance – Not knowing, not wanting to know or Rebellion
- Having no teaching, this one is very weak in strength because of the availability of information about God.
- Holding on to things that we know are not God, and many times we know.
- God's word plainly gives us the GREATER CHOICES –
But fear, doubt, unbelief and religious pressure keep us bound in tradition or religion and there is no breakthrough into the true freedom in and of God.

TRADITION:

Mat 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Mat 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

Mar 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do

Tradition:

- inherited, established, or taught a customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior
- a belief or story or a body of beliefs or stories relating to the past that are commonly accepted as historical though not verifiable, family or church habits that become "well that's what we have always done things".
- The handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction
- cultural continuity in social attitudes, customs, and institutions (politically correct)

The best answer to tradition is obedience to God's Word -

RELIGION:

Mans attempt to be righteous through his works or own goodness.

(Rom 10:3) For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

The spirit of religion works with control at its base. The control of rules, regulations and stuff that negates the freedom of God. Control finds its roots in witchcraft. (manipulation, intimidation and domination)

People and or leadership work in these things. Groups work in these also. (Discover and Recover)

One of the greatest tools of the enemy in religion is a false teaching and belief in the Sovereignty of God. Yes God is Sovereign, but not as many churches teach and believe.

Wrong teaching on this is saying that God sends evil and every negative thing to teach and train and make His children better. So what have you learned from sickness, etc.?

Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (tempted: to examine, prove)

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Rom 8:27-28 Three things: the intercession of the Holy Spirit, those who love God, and those called for God's purpose. This verse does not apply to all people.

The good comes when we stand by faith on and in God's Word and do what He told us to do.

If God is using evil to prove our love and make us better then we should not fight against or desire any thing that would lessen or take away or heal what God has sent.

I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT!

(Hos 4:6) My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

(Act 4:13) Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and **ignorant** men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had **been with Jesus**.

Knowledge of God brings **boldness in the things of God. But relationship with God brings boldness and power.**

(1Co 12:1) Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, **I would not have you ignorant.**

Misinformed, lacking understanding, without teaching, having clear knowledge,

(1Co 14:38) But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

(2Co 2:11) Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for **we are not ignorant of his devices.**

Knowing how our enemy works, we expect him and there are not surprises or the taking of our lives with schemes and strategies, we are not aware of his stuff.

Some of the sins of man is done through ignorance, but most is done through weakness.

(2Pe 3:5) For this they **willingly are ignorant of**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

They shut their eyes against the light, and refuse all evidence; what does not answer their purpose they will not know.

(Eph 4:18) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

(1Pe 1:14) As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Here we find Paul telling them that the worship of idols must stop and that

(Act 17:30) And the times of this **ignorance** God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

This is God's cry now as was then. We must repent and remove the sin from the body of Christ to prepare for the end time harvest and be ready to move for God in any capacity, known or unknown. Purge all ignorance from our beings by studying and spending time with God.