

Ignorance Is No Excuse

Parable

Young Christians settle into comfortable routine, enjoy “Bible studies” [each shares opinion; thinking not required].

Years of baby food...marry, have children, continue to avoid meat. Then . . .

- Questions, challenge beliefs, change minds.

- Naïve Christians are unprepared . . . swept into apostasy.

Hos.4:6 – history repeats

I. Ignorance Is No Excuse

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- 1 Co.3 –

¹ “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

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- Hebrews 5 –

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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- Hebrews 6 –

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame

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II. Ignorance Must
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Accountable for ignorance

- Mt.22:29:
 - ¹ not knowing the Scriptures
 - ² nor the power of God
- 2 Pt.1:5-7 –
 - ¹ make every effort
 - ² knowledge
- Rv.3:...17, ignorance

Ignorance...

1. Promotes vain worship, Mt.15:9.
2. Permits immorality to invade mind, Ep.4:17-19 (20-24).
3. Pollutes our reputation (and church's), 1 Pt.1:14.
4. Produces memory loss, 2 Pt.1:13.

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III. Ignorance Can Be
Educated Away

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• Act 2 – inspired teaching example

1) 13-15, spoke kindly

2) 16-21, OT prophecy – (first day?)

3) 37-42, applied lessons to audience

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- Act 19:1...9-10, how did all Asia hear?
 - 1) 10, *so that...* (result of two years daily teaching)
 - 2) Col.1:7, Epaphras ...
Col.2:1, Paul's hearers taught them

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- 2 Pt.1:12-15; 3:18 Great need: education

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- Lk.11:3, **daily** bread
- Ac.2:46, **daily** study
- Ac.2:47, **daily** growth
- Ac.17:11, **daily** searching

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- Very small child, *baby, infant*

- Children can learn...

- Perfect setting for teacher-training

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- TV / media make passive listeners.

- Few read books...

- Greatest spectator sport in America...

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 - Got nothing out of it; boring.
 - Fingernails and knitting.
 - What do we really want??

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- 7) **Hunger.** 1 Pt.2:2.

Personal responsibility

- “A motivated student can learn from a poorly written book; an unmotivated student will not learn from the best book.”