

Perspectives

Ignorance Isn't Bliss

You may have heard someone comment, “Ignorance is bliss,” or “The less you know the better off you are,” in regard to a certain situation. But is this true? Some may think that there are times when it is better to be ignorant—lacking in knowledge and understanding. Their thinking is that the less you know, the less you will be negatively impacted. However, the adverse is also true in that the less you know about something, the more of a detrimental impact it could have on your life.

Some approach their faith with an “ignorance is bliss” mentality. That is, they want to know and experience just enough to feel good about their spiritual life, but they don't want to go deep enough so that their life(style) is effected. The danger of this shallow faith is what Paul alludes to when speaking of believers who are “infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:14). Our relationship with God and our spiritual growth is not a purely mental exercise. However, we are called to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) and to “be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9).

In the first unit of this quarter, we will dig deep into the theological truths of the book of Hebrews. Angels, death, blood, shadows, and fire! These evocative images all contribute to the book of Hebrews' case for faith in Jesus Christ. In the second unit, we will look at the church. These sessions will help you gain a deeper understanding of what the church is, why we do what we do, and its mission in the world.

This quarter will help us develop a deeper desire to know more of God, allowing His Holy Spirit to empower us to live Christlike in our world. As Hebrews 6:1 says, “Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God.”

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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