

“Everyone Is Ignorant”

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The renown Oklahoma humorist and actor, Will Rogers, once said, “Everyone is ignorant, only they are ignorant on different subjects.” It is true that people have great knowledge in different areas. In the field of electronics and computer science, experts are numerous. Men and women have spent years studying medicine or psychology, and they have become specialists in these areas. However, pertaining to Bible knowledge many remain ignorant and confused. The Lord said: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). It is okay and even inevitable to lack knowledge on a wide variety of subjects, but we should not be uneducated regarding the Bible. Such ignorance can produce an eternally devastating consequence. You can lose your soul forever!

What happens when people are ignorant and unlearned concerning God’s will? Often they create their own religious practices which conform to their personal ideas and thoughts. The Bible speaks concerning religious people with this problem: “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:3). Because of ignorance concerning God’s will, they establish what seems right in their own eyes, and these bring about their own destruction and the downfall of those who follow them. (2 Peter 3:16; Matthew 15:14). This is exactly the reason that denominations have sprouted up like ragweed all over this country. Bible ignorance is abounding, and preachers everywhere are promoting personal doctrines instead of the doctrine of Christ.

The way we can eliminate Bible ignorance is by following the example of the noble Bereans of Acts 17. They listened to the preacher and then they searched the Scriptures daily to see if what he taught was the truth (Acts 17:10, 11).