

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Troy Miles Jr

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Ricardo Alvillar
Louden Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Kyle Pool

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

Pantry Item
Big Can Chicken

Sermon Notes
I Can Do All Things

I. In _____

II. In _____

III. In _____

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Knowledge or Ignorance?

Throughout the Bible, we read of many opposites or contrasts. We read of light and darkness, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter (Gen. 8:22). We read of those who “...*call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter*” (Isa. 5:20). We read of the broad way and narrow way (Matt. 7:13-14), heaven and hell (Luke 10:15), right and wrong.

There is likewise a vast distinction between *knowledge* and *ignorance*. Every individual faces a decision in life: to choose one or the other. They can choose to remain ignorant about certain things, or they can choose to learn and understand them. Many choices between the two make no difference as far as salvation and our eternal destiny are concerned. But the choice of either knowledge or ignorance in the spiritual realm makes all the difference between heaven and hell.

Salvation does not come without obedience to God. Jesus said, “*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven*” (Matt. 7:21). Hebrews 5:8-9 tells us that Jesus learned “...*obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.*”

One cannot obey the Lord when he/she does not know what the Lord requires. So, choosing knowledge over ignorance gives one the information necessary to obey God.

Ignorance does not relate to one’s intelligence. It is not a reflection on one’s mental state. It has nothing to do with one’s capacity to learn. It simply means that one does not know — does not have knowledge concerning a certain subject. Are we not all ignorant about many things? I confess I’m ignorant about a multitude of things. I don’t know much of anything about nuclear fission, aeronautics, mining, chemical engineering and mountain climbing. Ignorance often puts one at a great disadvantage when in a crowd

with those who know a lot about a certain subject. But ignorance on secular subjects (things of this world) does not lessen our chances of going to heaven.

There are even many Bible things I do not know the answer to — you could say I’m ignorant about them. I don’t know what Jesus wrote on the ground when the adulterous woman was brought to him for judgment (John 8:6,8). I don’t know what Paul’s thorn in the flesh was (II Cor. 12:7). I don’t know why Nicodemus came to Jesus by night (John 3:2). I don’t know the exact age of the earth (But I do know it’s not millions or even billions of years old).

Those things we are curious about, and yet the Bible does not reveal the answers to, should not take up our time and effort. Deuteronomy 29:29 says, *“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.”* If God did not reveal it, then it has nothing to do with our service to God. It has nothing to do with acceptable worship. It has nothing to do with our everyday living in this world. On the other hand, the things God has revealed to us are needful for us. *“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”* (II Peter 1:3). If it’s important, God tells us about it. If it’s not important, God often does not tell us about it.

Some amusing individual along life’s way has said, “ignorance is bliss.” However, ignorance is not bliss. This is especially true when it comes to spiritual matters. There are many things we cannot afford to be ignorant about. There are things that each one of us will have to give an answer for on the day of judgment. These responsibilities require knowledge.

One, we are responsible for our OWN SOUL. Ignorance of this fact leads to damnation and hell. Notice these passages: *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”* (II Cor. 5:10). *“But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul...”* (Prov. 8:36). *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him”* (Ezek. 18:20). *“Who will render to every man according to his deeds”* (Rom. 2:6).

Ignorance is not a valid excuse. If it were, most of the world’s population could plead innocent on the grounds of not knowing the will of God. If ignorance of God’s Will is acceptable, then it would make the knowledge of God’s Will a detriment and handicap. It would make the saving news of the Gospel the word of condemnation and punishment instead of salvation, forgiveness, and reward.

(To Be Cont’d)

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 8/16
Chapters Read: 412

B.C.: 30
Worship: 55

Daily Bible Readers: 10
Wednesday: 33

Family News and Notes

Triahnna Miles came forward last Sunday asking for prayers for spiritual strength and for her mother’s health situation to improve. **Melany Hatcher** is now in hospice. The family is asking for no visitors at this time. **Margaret Mosley** remains in rehab. **Troy Miles’** grandmother is not doing well. Jennifer’s coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles, but has received some good news about her diagnosis. Gloria Frye’s daughter, **Kathy Taylor**, is enduring extreme pain with multiple health issues. **Joseph Brown**, Cookie’s brother, has had seizures. **Barbara Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** mother, is struggling with her health; also, her sister, **Elizabeth Cremeans**, needs our prayers. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers, and the family is experiencing significant stress. Also remember: **Linda Boston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Phil & Kathie Byrd, Margaret Mosley, Linda Hernandez, Ellen Brantley**, and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
P 1107-13	P 1113-18	P 1118-24	P 1124-29	P 1129-37	P 1137-42	P 1142-47

Events

Fall Quarter: Begins September 6.
Labor Day Fellowship: September 7 @ the church building at noon.
Gospel Meeting: at Rockingham C of C, September 20-23.

