

“But I Didn’t Know!”
“The Truth As We Know It”
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This week I want to follow up on last week's message about our nations lack of knowledge in both spiritual and political issues. As parents we have an obligation to teach our children the biblical truths that lead to a good and blessed life. And we need to be informed of the political trends of our nation so that we can vote intelligently according to biblical values so that our nation can be blessed.

Remember, Being ignorant about something does not protect us from the harm that is associated with it. Drinking poison without knowing that it is poison will still get us killed. That is true in the spiritual as well as the natural. People's lack of spiritual knowledge is appalling. So many of us no longer read the Bible for ourselves. Even if we attend church, many of us are spiritually illiterate. I have recently met several adults who could not find Geneses in the Bible!

God tells us in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, ... seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children." And in Pro 1:22-23 we read, "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."

Far too many of us are only interested in being entertained. We remain uninformed about the trends and direction that our nation is going in, or to take the stand that we should to help correct it. We have abandoned God's truth for the current and latest fad or for whatever is accepted as good and proper by the latest movie stars. While the nation is turning away from God in so many ways and because the people are not aware of God's truth, those trends become the norm. In Pro 1:29-31 he tells us, "For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."

God's promise for a long life and blessing is clear. He tells us in Deut 6:1-3 and we read, "Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That you might fear the LORD your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey."

We are to teach them carefully to the next generation. Sadly in a relay race the race is often lost in passing

off the piton to the next runner. In Deu 6:6-7 we read, "And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart: And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when thou rise up." In other words, as we live our everyday lives we are to talk openly and freely about God and right and wrong.

And in Deu 4:9-10 we read, "Only take heed to thyself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of you life: but teach them your children, and your children's children; Specially the day that you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children."

And in Deu 11:19-21 we read, "Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors." Notice the term, "As long as the sky remains above the earth." That's always!

That is why Christian Education is so important! The

public schools are not allowed to teach the Bible in any form. Plus they are now teaching our young children that homosexuality is normal and acceptable. That they should decide whether they are little boys or little girls. What a foolish thing! How in the world have we become so confused?

After studying what was happening to our to public school system nation wide, with prayers and Bible reading being taken out of our school and all kinds of violence becoming common, I knew we had to do something to help the people in our community. So after a lot of research and preparation we knew we had to start a Christian school. So in 1989, we at The Church of God, Tabernacle of Faith started our own Christian School called Piedmont Christian Academy in Piedmont, SC. so that we could teach our children the Christian values that we all hold dear. We have seen many of our graduates go on to serve God as productive citizens in all areas of service. Several of them have served in the military, several nurses, or computer programmers, or marketing experts. Several of them are ministers of the Gospel.

The Christian school is intended to be an extension of the parents in their teaching of the Bible and Christian values. We are to help fulfill the command to teach the next generation and prepare them for life. In Psa 78:4-6 we read, "We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about His power and His mighty wonders. For He issued His laws to Jacob; He gave His instructions to Israel.

He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children." Paul tells us as fathers in Eph 6:4 to, "...we are to bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." If we as parents don't pass on to the next generation the biblical truths and values we hold dear, than we will lose our children and grand-children to the enemy and eternal destruction.

King David tells us in Psa 145:4-7, "One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honor of your majesty, and of your wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of your terrible acts: and I will declare your greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of your great goodness, and shall sing of your righteousness."

God's blessing is contingent of our following His divine principles. In Deu 28:1-2 we read, "And it shall come to pass, if you will hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD your God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you will hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God."

If we neglect to follow Jesus' teaching we will soon be in darkness ourselves. Jesus said in John 12:35-36, "..Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the

light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not where he is going. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light."

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.