

~IGNORANT (140)

[English, unaware, uninformed, badly informed]

- Now Paul addresses Gentile anointed Christians who have been taken into the New Covenant through their faith in Christ, and then anointed with the spirit of a living God to a new hope. Paul wants them to act discreetly and not **ignorantly**, that is with wisdom before their God. Therefore he explains a sacred secret to them, that there has been a dulling of the spiritual sensibilities of all Israel, until the full number of these anointed Gentile Christians have come forth and been sealed through Holy Spirit.
- For I do not want you, brothers, to be **ignorant** of this sacred secret, in order for you not to be discreet in your own eyes. That a dulling of sensibilities has happened in part to Israel until the full number of people of the nations has come in. (**Romans 11:25**)
- Paul's discussion now returns to the Hebrew Scriptures for there are powerful lessons to be learned there, and he does not want Hebrew Christians to be **ignorant** of them. Paul now refers to the people who came up out of Egypt under Moses, showing that his forefathers were all under the cloud which stood over the tent of meeting, and which stood between them and Pharaoh's forces. They also went through the congealed walls of water of the Red Sea as on dry land.
- Now I do not want you to be **ignorant**, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea (**1 Corinthians 10:1**)
- Paul now changes the subject to reflect on the spiritual gifts, that they each possess through their sealing as anointed Christians. Paul wants them to understand the reasons for these gifts, not being **ignorant** about why they were given, and what they must do to magnify them in their own lives.
- Now concerning the spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be **ignorant**. (**1 Corinthians 12:1**)
- Nonetheless there are those who do not understand these things, and so they must remain **ignorant**.

- But if anyone is **ignorant**, he continues **ignorant**. (1 Corinthians 14:38)
- Paul now helps them to understand, not remaining **ignorant** about the kind of sufferings, that he is experiencing in his travels through the land of Asia. He has been under extreme pressure, beyond any personal ability to resist it, so that he, and also those with him, were very uncertain if they were even going to stay alive. Paul and his companions had faced death many times.
- For we do not wish you to be **ignorant**, brothers, about the tribulation that happened to us in the district of Asia, that we were under extreme pressure beyond our strength, so that we were very uncertain even of our lives. (2 Corinthians 1:8)
- Paul had previously handed this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that he might seek repentance and stop sinning against God. This he had now learned, and so Paul wanted to pull him out of the fire figuratively, before he got burned, for this is why Satan the Devil tempts men, so that he may destroy them, and Christians must not remain **ignorant** of this.
- That we may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not **ignorant** of his designs. (2 Corinthians 2:11)
- Paul now counsels these anointed Christians, not to sorrow excessively for those who have died, and are sleeping in death, remaining **ignorant** like worldly people do, who have no true hope. Christians know, that death is temporary, and all the dead are going to be resurrected to a judgment in God's due time. Therefore do not mourn excessively for them.
- Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be **ignorant** concerning those who are sleeping in death, that you may not sorrow just as the rest also do who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)
- Paul now refers to his own wicked course of the past, when he persecuted the congregation of God, and he blasphemed those who are now his Christian brothers in the faith. Truly then, he was an insolent man. Nevertheless, he was shown mercy, because at the time he was **ignorant** then of God's will and purpose for him and all others, and thus, did not see the value of the Christ within God's grand purpose.

- Although formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was **ignorant** and acted with a lack of faith. (**1 Timothy 1:13**)
- Paul now counsels Timothy to turn down foolish and **ignorant** questionings, because they only lead to fights. In fact many times, that is the purpose of the one asking them, to draw us into one.
- Further, turn down foolish and **ignorant** questionings, knowing they produce fights. (**2 Timothy 2:23**)
- This High Priest is able to deal moderately with the **ignorant** and erring ones, since he is also imperfect and subject to his own physical and spiritual limitations.
- He is able to deal moderately with the **ignorant** and erring ones since he also is surrounded with his own weakness. (**Hebrews 5:2**)
- The will of Yehowah God is that by being obedient, anointed Christians may muzzle the **ignorant** talk about them, by unreasonable men, who oppose doing things according to God's wholesome way.
- For so the will of God is, that by doing good you may muzzle the **ignorant** talk of the unreasonable men. (**1 Peter 2:15**)
- Peter shows that these men are like unreasoning animals, born naturally only to be caught and destroyed, for they are useful for little more than that. They will, because of all the things that they speak about abusively in their **ignorance**, even suffer destruction, for their way is one of destruction.
- But these men, like unreasoning animals born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are **ignorant** and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. (**2 Peter 2:12**)