My People are Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge Samuel H. Nodal

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

(Hosea 4:6)

Ignorance and Self Righteousness seems to be the real Problem in today's modern society. Well, come to think of it, that has always been man's problem.

Moreover, Brethren, I Would Not That Ye Should be Ignorant

Moreover, brethren, <u>I would not that ye should be ignorant</u>, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <u>And did all eat the same spiritual meat</u>; <u>And did all drink the same spiritual drink</u>: <u>for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them</u>: <u>and that Rock was Christ</u>. <u>But with many of them God was not well pleased</u>: <u>for they were overthrown in the wilderness</u>. <u>Now these things were our examples</u>, <u>to the intent we should not lust after evil things</u>, <u>as they also lusted</u>. (1 Cor. 10:1-6)

Ignorant of What? (Of what it means to be a Christian)
You can't continue to willfully practice sin and call yourself a Christian!

Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down **to eat and drink and rose up to play** (pagan revelry)." (v. 7) ESV

We must not indulge in sexual immorality mas some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. (v. 8) ESV

We must not put Christ to the test (lack faith), as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents. (v.9)

<u>Do Not grumble</u> (complain), <u>as some of them did</u> and were destroyed by the Destroyer. (v. 10)

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (v. 11)

God is ALL Powerful and ALL Good (He Will Never Fail You)
If you really are God's Chosen, you cannot fail. You can have setbacks because of Sin, but you will be Victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (Ro. 8:28-30)

Wherefore <u>let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall</u>. <u>There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man</u>: <u>but God is faithful</u>, <u>who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able</u>; <u>but will with the temptation also make a way to escape</u>, <u>that ye may be able to bear it</u>.

(1 Cor. 10:12,13)

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. (Heb. 10:31-39) ESV

Let's Define Knowledge According to (Hosea 4:6)

Understanding or Wisdom is the correct application of knowledge. Knowledge without Godly wisdom is dangerous because it is Not Illuminated by the Holy Spirit! The Knowledge of God through the WORD is critical, but must be Revealed through the Holy Spirit. Biblical knowledge without the Holy Spirit is called Religion and it is false.

Some Churches are better than others but, the sin of ignorance has infiltrated itself in all of them. Bottom line is; In Christ denominations don't exist, genders don't exist, there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, etc... Everything exists by Him and for Him. So the primary question now becomes; Do you really posses the (Mind) the Knowledge of Christ??? Going to Church on Sundays and saying amen, does not prove you have the Mind of Christ, reading the whole Bible does not prove you have the Mind of Christ, taking communion does not prove you have the Mind of Christ, being baptized in water does not prove you have the Mind of Christ... just like sleeping in a car garage for 30 years does not make you a car, going to Church for 30 years does not make you a Christian! The Only prove you have is; The Revelation of Christ in you: (the Mind of Christ)

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16)

INTERNAL KNOWLEDGE of CHRIST

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, <u>may give unto you</u> the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (Eph. 1:17)

Yea doubtless, and <u>I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord</u>: <u>for whom I have suffered the loss of all things</u>, <u>and do count them but dung</u>, <u>that I may win Christ</u>. (Phil. 3:8)

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Notice, your knowledge must be in <u>CHRIST</u>; not a Denomination, not Dr. degrees from famous universities, not in fame or popularity etc... God's Kingdom is ruled by Jesus Christ. He sets the rules for all Creation to follow. Everything under Heaven and Earth obeys the Kings rules.

God's Kingdom is in Christ, but the Kingdom is Managed by the Holy Spirit
In my missionary experiences I've noticed an absence of the Holy Spirit in some
Churches. They might know the Word but the Power behind it is missing. Scripture
is clear; "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon
you:

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and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

God's Kingdom is Managed by the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the GOD HEAD. He is not inferior to the other two, but is equal to them in Power and Glory. There is ONE GOD in three Persons. The Holy Spirit does not reveal new Truth, He can only reveal the TRUTH that already exists in Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

The Holy Spirit cannot reveal new Truth, He can only reveal the Truth that already exists; and that Entire Truth is found in God's Word (2 Pet. 1:20,21). The written Word became flesh and dwelt among us as the Only Begotten Son of God!

The Holy Spirit Does Not Bring New Truth, He brings Truth to you that already exists which is CHRIST.

Jesus the LOGOS and GRAPHE; of GOD'S WORD

For complete explanation see study # 11; "Make Your Calling and Election Sure"

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

<u>And the Word was made flesh</u>, <u>and dwelt among us</u>, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) <u>full of grace and truth</u>.

(John 1:14)

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (Acts 17:28)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:

for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (John 16:13,14)

We must understand that although Jesus Christ rules God's Kingdom, it is the Holy Spirit that is responsible for it's management. We move and live out our lives through Jesus controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Phil. 2:12,13)

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. (1 John 2:20)

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (1 John 2:27)

The moving of the Holy Spirit is a mystery to man. Only Jesus understands the movement of the Holy Spirit. In some modern so called spiritual Churches the leadership is teaching people how to move and dance in the Holy Spirit, they give lessons on how to speak in tongues, they lay hands on them and teach them the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how to imitate the move of the Holy Spirit! THIS IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT! How can blind sinful foolish man manipulate the movement of the Holy Spirit who is GOD!

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

We cannot teach someone how to move in the Spirit, nor can we manufacture the move of the Holy Spirit in Church, that is a sovereign Work of GOD. Also, we cannot acquire God's Wisdom and Knowledge by university Dr. degrees, Church attendance, or good works, it is the Holy Spirit that gives out these gifts on who He wills.

The modern false Church teaches these atrocities and is an abomination to God and a <u>Strange Fire</u> to the real Churches. This lie is from satan and Not of the Holy Spirit.

And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD. (Num. 26:61)

They disrespected God by NOT using the hot coals that were in the Alter of Sacrifice. In a drunken stupor they took regular hot coals from a man's sinful furnace. They were instantly killed by God's anger.

Everything We Receive from the Holy Spirit Must Go Through Calvary (CROSS) When we place the Holy Spirit above the CROSS you have placed the cart before the horse and will receive Nothing from God! It is the Cross of Jesus Christ that allows God to Bless us with Grace, Mercy, Healing, Salvation, Power etc... It is the Cross that unties the hands of the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

God Warns us about Deceiving Ourselves in taking the Wrong Road of Carnality Most of the so called Church throughout History is in Hell right now and people don't seem to pay attention to God's warning (The Cross), they seem to be asleep with the snooze button on (good self works):

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12 & Prov. 16:25)

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, <u>deceiving</u>, <u>and being deceived</u>. (2 Tim. 3:13)

Many people are dying every day without the Knowledge of Jesus and going to Hell, and many are in the so called Church. The sad story is, it's not their sins that take them there, it's their ignorance of CHRIST! (John 16:8,9): This is unacceptable in the eyes of the Lord!

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, <u>not willing that any should perish</u>, <u>but that all should come to repentance</u>. (2 Pet. 3:9)

Why are so many People Falling into Hell? The Problem is SIN

Sin is simply to Disobey God's Word. God requires obedience for our own safety and well being, He is not trying to ruin your fun. God knows how much Sin will hurt you that's why He warns you against it. Sin entered mankind in the very beginning when Satan deceived the women and the women got Adam to partake in the disobedience. Sin Cannot enter Heaven, God is HOLY HOLY! In the beginning they only had One Commandment; "thou shalt not eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil!"

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

(Gen. 2:16,17)

The first parents let Sin slip into the Earth by disobeying God and listening to the evil one (Satan). Don't be so harsh on them, would you have done any better?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor. 15:56)

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (Jam. 1:15)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

(John 10:10)

Jesus has the Power to Overturn Sin in our Lives (The GOOD NEWS)

Jesus is the <u>Only Good News</u> (Gospel) everything else is false! Todays religions have created many false gospels and are leading many to Hell. (gospel of wealth, gospel of pleasure, gospel of social justice, gospel of globalism, gospel of seeker sensitive churches, gospel of catholicism):

And she shall bring forth a son (*Mary*), and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matt. 1:21)

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 5:21)

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. (1 Pet. 3:18) ESV

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8) *Jesus was sent by God on a rescue mission:*

Our Faith Has To Be More Than Theology

One can memorize the Bible cover to cover and never meet its Author personally. This kind of faith will not save you. Theology without the Spirit's revelation is religion. The purpose of the Word is to promote understanding and reveal the person of Jesus in your heart not your head. Words are essential because that's how we communicate with God and each other. We communicate and understand each other through words. The Bible means nothing if you do not develop a personal friendship with Christ through the Holy Spirit. Jesus must reveal Himself to you in Spirit and Truth. The Holy Spirit resides in your heart (in your spirit) not your mind. If you are Born Again God's SPIRIT will quicken your spirit.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Rom. 8:11)

We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. (Heb. 2:16)

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. (Heb. 2:9,10) ESV

PS. the Law's purpose is to show us we're sinners doomed to Hell, that's why the Redemption in Christ is <u>God's Good News</u> (The Gospel):