1Thess #85

Ignorance is never the excuse for accepting false doctrine.

Let us open back up in 1Thessalonians chapter four and we will read thru from verse 7 into verse 14 to get our focus on the next set of lessons;

1Th 4:7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification.

The Apostle Paul addressed the sexual immorality issue first and now he is about to pivot into a correction cornering false doctrine and lazy attitudes.

[1Th 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/8/s_1115008) Therefore, the one who rejects *this* is not rejecting man, but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

The issue is never the man - it is the message.

When you have a qualified pastor-teacher leading your Bible study and you know, there is precision related to the truth being taught, it is not the man you reject – you reject the message which is rejection of God!

[1Th 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/9/s_1115009) Now as to the love of the brothers *and* sisters, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

[1Th 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/10/s_1115010) for indeed you practice it toward all the brothers *and sisters* who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers *and sisters,* to excel *even* more,

These Bels had been doing good work in relation to bringing the gospel forward. They also, had started off understanding the Royal Family Honor Code.

Yet some of that congregation had spun off into two negative directions - one was back into the lifestyle of the Romans and the Greeks in relation to PORNEA.

The second problem was really one of false doctrine, either from their own imagination or allowing a false teacher to come in and influence them.

[1Th 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/11/s_1115011) and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own *business* and work with your hands, just as we instructed you,

[1Th 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/12/s_1115012) so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

To BEHAVE is the Greek term we know as walk (lifestyle) PERRI-PETET-O, meaning what does your life reflect to the outside world? Truly, how much dependence do you have on the cosmic system?

What often happens when Bels go astray from the accuracy of the word, is they rely on emotions and cosmic viewpoint to guide them. This leads to breaking the RFHC and becoming reliant upon the devil’s world.

/1The 4:13 But **we do not want you to be uninformed,** brothers *and sister,* about those **who are asleep**, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest *of mankind do,* who have no hope.\

[1Th 4:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/14/s_1115014) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose *from the dead,* so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

Notice the statement - *those who have fallen asleep through Jesus*.

This is a key principle, meaning the Apostle Paul is very specific - he is not talking about the death of an Unbel.

He is making sure they understand Bels are the subject matter and what exactly happens to Bels at the time of their death.

These Bels who had gone astray, were acting as if they had never heard the BD related to Mystery Doctrine for the CA.

/1The 4:13 But *we do not want you to be uninformed (agnoeō*)

The Apostle Paul is approaching this correction with respect yet he is not dancing around the issue completely. This was a term for ignorance or not fully understanding something you may have heard.\

AUG-NAH-A-OH, pointing to lacking in knowledge or neglect of something. Something was available yet you did not pursue it, so now you are ignorant of it.

Ignorance can be willful or accidental. Yet in the long run, as a Bel gets beyond the salvation gate, the excuse for any type of ignorance falls by the wayside.

The word ignorance is derived from the word ignore.

After salvation you know the Bible is the only book you can rely upon for your Christian walk – there are no excuses for ignorance.

/Luk 11:27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “**Blessed is the womb that carried You**, and the breasts at which You nursed!”

Mankind has a tendency to elevate people and emotional aspects over the solid truth of Bible doctrine.\

God will allow a certain level of ignorance to go unchecked for a new Bel. But for those who have been born again and saved for several years and still claim ignorance – it has no spiritual value; it is the flesh claiming - *I want what I want*!

I’ll do it my way - is what ignorance of BD spells out. This includes Bel who stay in a church where false doctrine or weak teaching comes from the pulpit.

/[Luk 11:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/11/28/s_984028) But He said, “**On the contrary**, **blessed are those who hear the word**of God and follow it.”

Accidently ignorance or willful ignorance fall by the wayside as the Bel moves from salvation into their first steps toward maturity. They become responsible to get into the WORD. \

God has a way of showing Bels who are sleep walking that they need to wake up and seek truth.

It is just that many Bels ignore the calling of God upon their life.

The example from our LORD and the true disciples of the early church was habitual Bible study;

/Act 5:42 And **every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not stop teaching** and preaching the good news of Jesus *as* the Christ.

Luk 19:47 And **He was teaching daily in the temple;** but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to put Him to death,\

Go to the OT – 1Kings chapter ten RF.

The Christian with several years of walking as a Believer, who makes a spiritual claim of going to church once a week and singing a song or hearing a fluffy message, will be held responsible for their own loss of blessings, crowns and rewards.

They will reap what they sow in this temporal walk.

/2Tim 4:2 **preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season**; correct, rebuke, *and* exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Just as pastors will be held responsible for what they teach. There is never a call to the Bel or church leader NOT to take the WORD seriously. \

There is only Satan’s lies and counterfeits to keep us distracted and busy. Sooner or later, you will be held accountable for following that nonsense.

King Solomon like his father David was responsible to keep the WORD of God preserved and accurately taught throughout the nation.

This task fell upon the King first and this meant a Jewish king had to have incredible, working knowledge of the WORD of God.

Out of all the kings over the nation of Israel - king David probably had the greatest knowledge of BD and he passed that onto his son Solomon.

/1Ki 10:1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard about **the fame of Solomon *in relation* to the name of the LORD**, she came to test him with riddles.

This was an Unbel by all accounts, she knew the one true GOD of Israel had to be investigated. \

Queen Sheba was believed to be from Ethiopia.

Yet her kingdom was between what we call modern day Yemen and Ethiopia, which is at least 1,500 miles away from Jerusalem.

[1Ki 10:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/2/s_301002) So she came to Jerusalem with a very large entourage, with camels carrying balsam oil and a very large *quantity of* gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke to him about everything that was in her heart.

[1Ki 10:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/3/s_301003) And Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was concealed from the king which he did not explain to her.

It is believed that King Solomon, being a ladies’ man like his father, probably had a romantic affair with this Queen.

Yet, none the less, he did evangelize to her and she became a Bel who brought BD back to her country.

[1Ki 10:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/4/s_301004) When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

Remember wisdom translates to BD applied.

/[1Ki 10:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/5/s_301005) and **the food of his table**, the seating of his servants, **the service** of his waiters and their attire, **his cupbearers**, and **his burnt offerings which he offered at the house of the LORD**, she was breathless.

The Queen of Sheba remained there several days or even a few weeks and King Solomon taught her the truth of the one, true GOD. \

[1Ki 10:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/6/s_301006) Then she said to the king, “It was a true story that I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

The word of God reaches out across the whole world and has been doing so for thousands of years.

Ignorance is really no excuse.

[1Ki 10:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/10/7/s_301007) “But I did not believe the stories until I came and my *own eyes* saw *it all.* And behold, the half *of it* was not reported to me. You have exceeded *in* wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.

The outside world will look to Bels to represent BD in correct fashion.

The gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth of BD need to be openly and accurately discussed and on display, so as to be a good ambassador for Christ.

It is very interesting that we can note that four times in his letters, the Apostle Paul asked Christians to not be ignorant about something, each time it was mystery doctrine:

/Don’t be ignorant about God’s plan for Israel and dispensations in general;

Rom 11:25 For I do not want you, brothers *and sisters,* **to be uninformed of this mystery**— so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a **partial hardening has happened to Israel** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; \

The Bible is clear on dispensations, in fact the majority of the Apostle Pauls’ teaching touches into mystery doctrine and is in relation to dispensations.

/Don’t be ignorant about spiritual gifts;

1Cor 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts,* brothers *and sisters,* **I do not want you to be unaware**.

Those who remain ignorant to this doctrine will replace spiritual gifts and growth with emotional nonsense. \

These are the Bels who think the filling power of the HS is an emotional wave and that the gift of prophecy and tongues are how you learn BD.

/Don’t be ignorant about suffering and challenges in the Christian life;

2Cor 1:8 **For we do not want you to be unaware**, brothers *and sisters,* of our **affliction** which occurred in Asia, that **we were burdened excessively**, beyond our strength, so that **we despaired** even of life. \

These Bels have no spiritual strength so when the challenges arise they will crumble under pressure. They have no problem-solving devices.

/Don’t be ignorant about the rapture and the second coming of Jesus;

1Thes 4:13 But we do not want you to be **uninformed**, brothers *and sisters,* **about those who are asleep**, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest *of mankind do,* **who have no hope**.

The lack of understanding of Mystery Doctrine for the CA leads down a long road of repeated confusion over many core doctrines. \

The truth of those who remain ignorant after salvation is most likely due to a lack of even opening their Bible for any period of time. A lack of studying the teaching of The Lord Jesus Christ.

A simple reading of John chapter ONE – THE WORD is highlighted to be the very person and mind of Jesus Christ.

All of the NT points to the importance of studying the word and getting under teaching habitually.

God does not recognize human excuses and manipulation. HE has made the teaching of the word available and the completed canon of scripture is clear in its teaching upon Bible study.

Let me close with a quick overview of Mystery Doctrine. It runs much deeper than this list because each bullet point has a set of definitions under them;

/Core doctrines for Mystery Doctrine of the CA –

* Full understanding of dispensations
* Baptism and Filling power of God the HS
* Indwelling of the Trinity
* Mystery of marriage between Christ and the church (unique union)
* New nature, spiritual species \
* / Royal commission of family inheritance
* Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union
* Believer Priesthood (royalty)
* Ambassadorship (royalty)
* Portfolio of invisible assets
* Rapture before Tribulation \