

BIBLE STUDY

2 Tim. 2:15

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INTRODUCTION:

1. Ignorance of Bible knowledge is far too prevalent among Christians today.
2. The reason?
 - (1) Many do not study the Bible in the home, neither do they attend Bible study.
3. There is no excuse for this ignorance, neither will God wink at it -- Acts 17:30
4. God's people cannot be strong in ignorance.
5. Apostasy comes when God's people are ignorant -- Hos. 4:6

I. SOME REASONS FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

1. We are commanded to study the Bible -- II Pet. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13; Eph. 5:17; Heb. 5: 12 - 14
2. To see myself as God sees me -- James 1: 23 - 25; I Cor. 13:12; Heb. 4:12
3. To gain knowledge with which to teach others.
 - (1) The religion of Christ is a taught religion -- Matt. 28: 19 - 20; Heb. 5:12; 2 Tim. 2:2
 - (2) Parents must teach their children -- Eph. 6: 1 - 4; Deut. 6: 6- 9
4. To give an answer for our hope -- I Pet. 3:15
5. To prepare to defend the faith -- Jude 3
6. To feed our souls -- I Pet. 2:2; II Pet. 3:18
7. Because we are going to be judged by it -- John 12:48
8. In order to know God -- Col. 1:13
 - (1) You cannot know God through nature.
 - (2) The idol worshiper worships the Sun and never sees the God behind the sun.
 - (3) You can only know Him through revelation.
9. To know Christ.
 - (1) How many of us really know Christ?
 1. His mission -- Luke 19:10
 2. His love
 3. His spirit -- Rom. 8:9
 4. His example -- I Pet. 2: 21 - 24
 - (2) His own people did not know Him -- I John 1: 10 - 11
 - (3) They could have known Him -- John 5: 39 - 47
 - (4) Today we fail in many of our duties to Christ because we do not know Him.

10. Because we are saved by the Word -- James 1:21; Rom. 1: 16 - 17

II. PROBLEMS THAT RESULT FROM A LACK OF BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1. The problem of the untaught and false teachers

(1) The false teacher would be almost powerless if it were not for the untaught in the church.

(2) The false teacher gets his footing among the ignorant.

2. The problem of the untaught and plain teaching

(1) Inappreciative or belligerent attitudes toward the preacher creates unrest and lack of cooperation in the congregation.

(2) There is no way of knowing the harm the untaught has done by apologizing for the truth when it has been preached.

3. The untaught are lacking in moral judgment.

(1) Christians are to be separate from the world -- II Cor. 6: 14 - 17; I John 2; 15 - 17; James 4:4

(2) Many times the untaught lack in moral judgment here -- Heb. 5: 12 - 14; Phil. 1: 9 - 10

4. The untaught and indifference.

(1) Indifference is being just plain unconcerned -- it is gnawing away at the very vitals of the church today.

(2) Yet, it is the ignorant and untaught who are self-satisfied and complacent.

(3) The untaught hold back the growth of the church.

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