

PROCLAIMING TO THE IGNORANT THE GOSPEL

1. Text: I Peter 1:13-16
2. We live in a world exploding with the technology of information. Opportunities to escape ignorance is all around us. Yet so many of our world are woefully ignorant of God's word.
3. How does that fit with evangelism? Our campaign?
4. Let's deal with the subject in this lesson and the next.

I. **The Affirmations Of Scripture**

1. Though often overlooked, ignorance plays a major part in man's disobedience and rebellion.
2. Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
3. Acts 3:17 I know you did it in ignorance.
4. I Corinthians 2:8 Had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord.
5. I Timothy 1:13 I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
6. Ephesians 4:17-18 Understanding darkened, alienated from the life of God, because of ignorance, blindness of their heart.
7. Text: I Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not conforming to your former desires as in your ignorance.
8. Ignorance keeps one from knowing and obeying.

II. **The Aim Of Study**

1. To break through the ignorance with knowledge.
2. I Timothy 2:3-4 God our savior desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.
3. John 8:32 You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you Free.
4. Often issue: I thought I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus. (Acts 26:9)
5. Have you ever thought you were totally right on something, then later find out you were totally wrong?
6. Acts 23:1 I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.
7. II Corinthians 10:3-5 Casting down every thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
8. True knowledge ends in obedience. John 13:17 If you know things, blessed are you if you do them.

III. **The Attitudes Of Servants**

1. As a guide (Acts 8:31)
2. Seek to be clear (as Christ was); Caring (Ephesians 4:5 "Speaking the truth in love"); convicted (Romans 1:16); confident (II Peter 1:3)
3. We should not be too quick to assign something other than ignorance to a lack of response.
4. Ignorance, not iniquity; ignorant, not inflexible (stubborn); ignorant, not indecisive; ignorance, not insincerity; ignorance, not intelligence.
5. Ezekiel 3:15 "I sat where they sat."
6. Humility: Will Rogers: "Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects." Don't pretend to be some genius on all subjects; admit just the opposite.

Conclusion:

