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IGNORANCE

I have often asked people biblical questions, and their response was, "I don't know." Now, that may be the case for a new Christian, but those that have been saved for a longer period of time are without excuse, because we are COMMANDED by God to study.

Romans 11:25 says, ***"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery..."*** then Paul speaks of himself in 1 Timothy 1:13 that says, ***"Who was before [before he was born again] a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief."***

Then verse 16 says, ***"Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."***

God used Paul's former ignorance so he could relate to the lost, showing them the truth that is only found in Jesus Christ, but he did not want them to stay ignorant. Paul also said in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, ***"16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be perfect [mature, not ignorant anymore], thoroughly furnished unto all good works."***

2 Timothy 2:15 says, ***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*** Verse 23 says, ***"But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes."*** When we do not know the word of God enough to give an answer, we are setting ourselves up for deception.

Studying the word of God is an absolute necessity when we are confronted with false doctrine. Without knowing the word through study, we can be led astray.

God does not want us to "remain" ignorant. Don't bury your head in the sand. He wants us to be "in the know."