

Lesson 61 Answers and Comments

Saints temporal
Brethren eternal
Christ set
Saints affection
If above
If earth
Dead name
Why glorified
Subject you
Ordinances work
Liberty
Free
Not
Yoke
Bondage
Seek
Above
Raised
Sit
Heavenly
Be present
Lord
Conversation
Heaven
House
Heavens
Hope
Heaven

After living through a tornado I heard someone say, “If I had known I was going to live through it, I would have enjoyed it a whole lot more.” Isn’t that the truth that we should be going through the trials and tribulations of life with?! Jesus told His disciples when they left the shore of the Sea of Galilee that they were going to “pass over unto the other side,” Mark 4:35. A great storm of wind came up and the waves beat into the ship so that it filled with water. The disciples sat back calmly and said, “enjoy the ride, for our Lord said, we’re going to the other side”. No, that is not what happened!! Master, carest thou not that we perish?” was their cry. We’ve been quickened, made alive in Christ. we have eternal life, we are seated in heavenly places. Yes, we will live no matter the storm! Apply the doctrine, sit back, enjoy the ride, we will soon be on the “other side.”

Lesson 62 I Would Not Have You Ignorant

Rom. 1:13 “Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.”

Paul uses the phrase “I would not have you ignorant” 6 times in the word. God wants His church, the body of Christ, to be wise, to walk in His wisdom. We will take the next several weeks to study the six times that Paul specifically admonishes the saints to “not be ignorant”.

The first one is found in Rom. 1:13. Read Rom. 1:1-17 a few times. Ignorant simply means “not to know”.

Paul wanted the saints at Rome to know that:

1. Rom. 1:1 “_____ , a servant of Jesus Christ, _____ to be an apostle _____ unto the _____ of God, vs. 5 “...for _____ to the _____ among all _____...” First of all Paul wants them to know that he is the apostle to all nations for the obedience to the faith.
2. Rom. 1:13 “...that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other _____.” Paul wanted them to know that the Gentiles were the ones to whom he was sent. This was a major change in God’s dealings.
3. Rom. 1:14 “I am a _____ both to the _____ and to the Barbarians; both to wise and to the unwise. Paul wanted them to know that he had an obligation to them.
4. Rom. 1:15 “... I am _____ to preach the gospel to you that are in _____ also.” Paul wanted them to know that he was ready by virtue of his calling, his apostleship to the Gentiles to preach the gospel to them.

Let’s stop here for a minute. How many ignorant brethren are there out there today who don’t know this??

After asking many believers the question “Who is our apostle?” I have to say the ignorant brethren concerning this issue are in the majority. Paul wants to establish this crucial point beyond any shadow of a doubt. If you think I’m being too harsh, check it out with believers you know. There is a great ignorance in the church when it comes to the authority of Paul. This should not come as a surprise as Paul says before he departs

to be with the Lord that "... _____ they which are in _____ be turned _____ from _____;..." II Tim. 1:15.

Eph. 3:1-5 should dispel any doubt.

Eph. 3:8 "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that _____ should _____ among the _____ the _____ riches of Christ:"

Rom. 11:13 "For I speak to you _____, inasmuch as I am the _____ of the _____, I _____ mine _____:"

Lesson 62 Continued

Paul's apostleship to the Gentiles, his revelation of God's "mystery" truth (concerning change from Jew to Gentile) are foundational doctrines for the establishment and unity of faith for the believer.

Looking back at Rom. 1:13-16 we see in vs.16 something else Paul doesn't want the saints to be ignorant of.

5. Paul wanted the saints to know that the gospel of Christ was the _____ of God unto _____ to _____ one that _____; Rom. 1:16. The emphasis here is on everyone.
6. Paul wanted the saints to know that the "... _____ first, and also to the _____..." was God's program in the prior dispensation of Law but that the emphasis had now changed. Rom.10:12 "For there is no _____ between the _____ and the _____." God does not want His saints ignorant concerning His spokesperson or his ministry that is now to the Gentiles.
7. Paul wanted the saints to know that the gospel he preached reveals the _____ of God vs. 17. The gospel of Christ, that Paul preached, explains how a Holy God can rightly, justify the sinner. Rom. 3:26 "To declare, I say, at this time his _____: that he might be _____, and the _____ of him that _____ in Jesus." Paul's gospel is all about the cross, Christ's all sufficient payment for sin, made available to all simply by grace through faith.

Know your apostle, know God's change from Jew to Gentile, know your gospel! Don't be ignorant brethren. Reread Rom. 1:1-17 with these precious truths in mind. It is in these areas that Satan attacks the church.

1. Demotes Paul II Cor. 10:10 "For his letters are weightly and powerful: but his bodily presence is _____, and his speech _____." II Cor. 11:13 "For such are _____ apostles..."

2. Confuses the Jew and Gentile ministries. Gal. 2:14 "...If thou being a _____, livest after the manner of the _____, and not as do the _____, why compellest thou the _____ to live as do the _____?" Gal. 4:9, 10 "...how turn ye again to the _____ and _____ elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in _____?" vs. 10 Ye observe _____, and _____, and _____, and _____." (The law)
3. Confuses the gospels, "I marvel that ye are so soon _____ from him that called you into the _____ of Christ unto _____ gospel." Gal. 1:6. II Cor. 11:4 "...or _____ gospel..."

These are basic, foundational truths for every believer. Don't be ignorant concerning your apostle, God's ministry to the Gentiles or your gospel. And more than not just being ignorant, don't be ashamed or embarrassed to boldly proclaim these truths.

II Tim. 1:8 "Be not thou therefore _____ of the _____ of our Lord, nor of _____ his prisoner: but be thou _____ of the _____ of the _____ according to the power of God."