

“The Tragedy Of Ignorance”

Lesson Text: **Ephesians 4:17-21.**

I. What Is Ignorance? And How Does It Happen?

- Ignorance is defined as: a lack of knowledge or information.
- The Two Types Of Ignorance: **1. Simple Ignorance 2. Self-Imposed Ignorance.**
- How Ignorance Happens:
 - **Indifference:** We Don't Know, And We Don't Care That We Don't Know.
 - **Misinformation:** We Don't Know, By Being Taught Wrong Information.
 - **Fear:** We Don't Know, And We're Afraid To Find Out.
 - **Distractions:** We Don't Know, Because We're Too busy With Other Things.
 - **Lack Of Information:** We Don't Know, We've Never Been Taught God's Way.

II. How Ignorance Can Be A Tragedy?

- Because Of Ignorance:
 - Many Are Alienated From God. **Romans 1:21-32; Ephesians 4:18.**
 - The Jews Crucified Jesus. **Luke 23:34; Acts 3:13-17; 1 Corinthians 2:7-8.**
 - Many Have Misguided Zeal. **Romans 10:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:12-15.**
 - Many Have Embraced False Teaching. **Matthew 22:23-29;**
2 Timothy 2:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Timothy 6:3-5.
 - Many Will Be Lost. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4.**

III. How Do We Overcome Ignorance?

- Be Open-Minded To The Teaching Of The Truth. **Acts 18:24-28.**
- Honest Investigation. **Acts 17:11.**
- Obedience To The Truth. **James 1:25; Hebrews 5:9.**