

## The Idea Of Perpetual Ignorance Is Wrong

### I. Introduction:

A. When you are studying your way through 99.9% of the New Testament you are studying through a time wherein all was not yet fully revealed (**I Corinthians 13:9**).

1. Thus, statements such as you find in **I Corinthians 8:2** have to be understood as stated in a time of partial revelation.

2. It should go without saying that such was certainly true during the time of the Law of Moses, prophets, and the Psalms (**I Peter 1:9-12**).

3. Yet, even during the times of partial knowledge, what was available was sufficient to what God required at that time (**Proverbs 2:1-10, Acts 28:23, Ephesians 3:4**, and **II Timothy 3:15-17**).

B. Since learning and growth are continual (**Colossians 1:10**), many have the false idea that they will never know the truth.

1. Before all was fully revealed, Christians were NOT without knowledge of the truth (**Romans 15:14-15** and **I John 2:21**).

2. Again, even when they were not in the time of knowledge we have, they were able to know and speak the truth (**Ephesians 4:7-15**).

### II. Body: What Did Jesus Say To The Jews Which Believed On Him (**John 8:31-32**)?

A. You can and should KNOW (**I John 5:20**).

1. What is the will of God (**I Timothy 2:3-4**)?

2. Willful ignorance (**II Peter 3:5**) is sinful (**Acts 17:30** and **I Corinthians 15:34**).

B. That is not to deny growth and increasing in knowledge (**Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 9:9-10**, and **I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).

1. Those that know the truth can still grow (**I Peter 2:1-2**) and learn even through remembrance (**I Timothy 4:1-6, II Peter 1:12-13**, and **II Peter 3:1-2**).

2. That does not mean we don't know (**I Thessalonians 4:9-10**).

3. The work is in perfecting that which is lacking (**I Thessalonians 3:10**).

C. Continual learning and growth (**II Peter 1:3-11; 3:18**) does not infer perpetual ignorance.

1. Look at Jesus (**Matthew 11:27, John 16:29-30**, and **John 21:17**).

2. Yet, while Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him (**John 18:4**), the experience gave Him more knowledge (**Hebrews 5:5-9**).

3. Yet, He knew and understood obedience before He completed His work on earth (**John 4:34; 6:38; 15:10**)?

D. Think about the sinfulness of ever learning and never knowing (**II Timothy 3:1-7**).

1. For various reasons, some cannot learn (**Proverbs 23:9, John 3:19-21, I Corinthians 3:1-3**, etc.).

2. Is it possible that many, if not most, make it harder than it needs to be (**Proverbs 14:6**)?

a. In Jesus' instruction to learn of Him, the point is clear (**Matthew 11:28-30**).

b. Don't allow false teachers to impress you with their pretentious knowledge and so forth to make you think it is too tough to know and understand truth (**Jude 1:16**).

III. Conclusion: Eternal life for you depends on knowledge (**John 17:3**). So, reject the idea that you cannot know!