

Man's Ignorance Of God

<u>Isaiah 40:28</u> - Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

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The word "ignorant" is an adjective that describes a person in the state of being <u>unaware</u>, or even <u>cognitive dissonance</u> and other cognitive relation, and can describe individuals who are unaware of important information or facts.

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Ignorance is a lack of <u>knowledge</u> or <u>understanding</u>. **Ignorance can appear in three different types**:

- factual ignorance (absence of knowledge of some fact),
- object ignorance (unacquaintance with some object),
- technical ignorance (absence of knowledge of how to do something).

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The Bible says that ignorance is a condition of being darkened in understanding, alienated from the life of God, and prone to sin and destruction.

The Bible also makes a distinction between ignorance and innocence, and between intentional and unintentional ignorance. The Bible commands us to repent of our ignorance and seek God's wisdom, which is the opposite of ignorance.

The Bible also provides some examples of how ignorance can be considered in judgment and how it can be avoided.

What is God Like?

A. W. Tozer wrote, "What is God like?' If by that question we mean 'What is God like in Himself?' there is no answer. If we mean 'What has God disclosed about Himself that the reverent reason can comprehend?' there is, I believe, an answer both full and satisfying."

First, God alone is a self-existent being and the first cause of everything else that exists. John 5:26

Second, God is a necessary being. A necessary being is one whose nonexistence is impossible." (Job 34:14–15).

Third, God is a personal being. The word personal in this context does not describe personality (e.g., funny, outgoing, etc.); rather, it means "having intent."" (Isaiah 46:9–10).

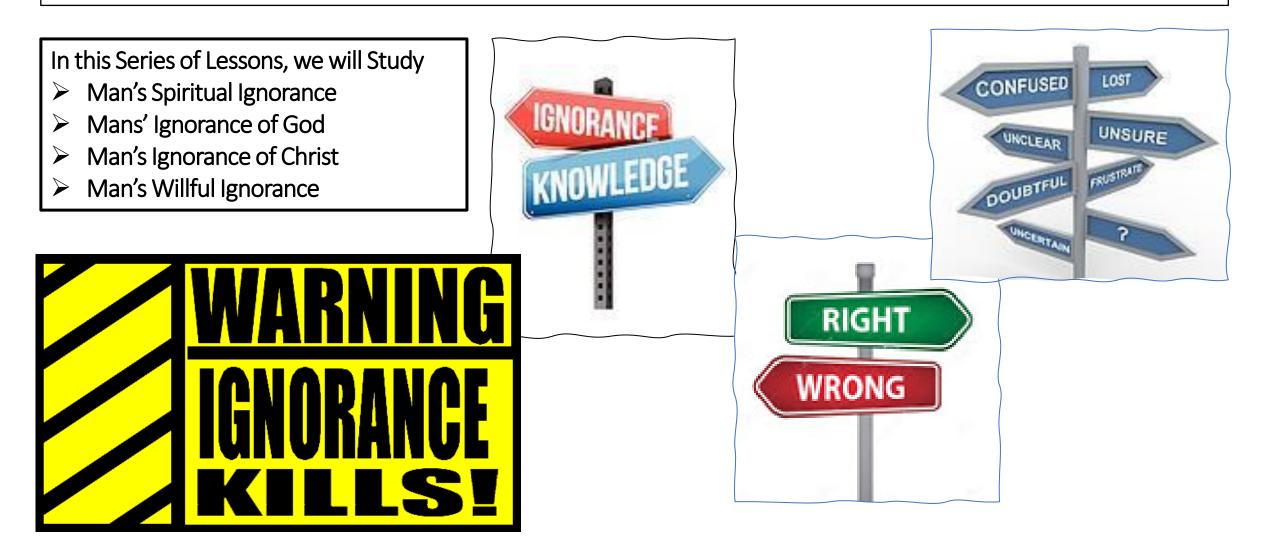
Fourth, God is a triune being. This truth is a mystery, yet the whole of Scripture and life in general speaks to this fact. The Bible clearly articulates that there is but one God: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (<u>Deut. 6:4</u>). **Fifth, God is a loving being**. In the same way that many things can exist but only one thing can be existence, people and other living things can possess and experience love, but only one thing can be love. <u>First John 4:8</u> makes the simple ontological statement, "God is love."

What is God? God is the only one who can say, "I be that I be." God is pure existence, self-existent, and the source of everything else that possesses existence. He is the only necessary being, is purposeful/personal, and possesses both unity and diversity.



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Man's Spiritual Ignorance



Lesson 15

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Blindness of Heart

- UnderstandingDarkened
- Alienated From Life of God
- Individual Ignorance



THE AWFUL THING IS THAT THE NATURAL MAN IS QUITE BLIND TO THE BLINDNESS OF HIS HEART which is insensibly leading him to "the blackness of darkness forever" (Jude 13). That is why the vast majority live so securely and peacefully. It has always appeared strange to the godly why the ungodly can be so unconcerned while under sentence of death, and conduct themselves so frivolously and gaily while exposed to the wrath to come.

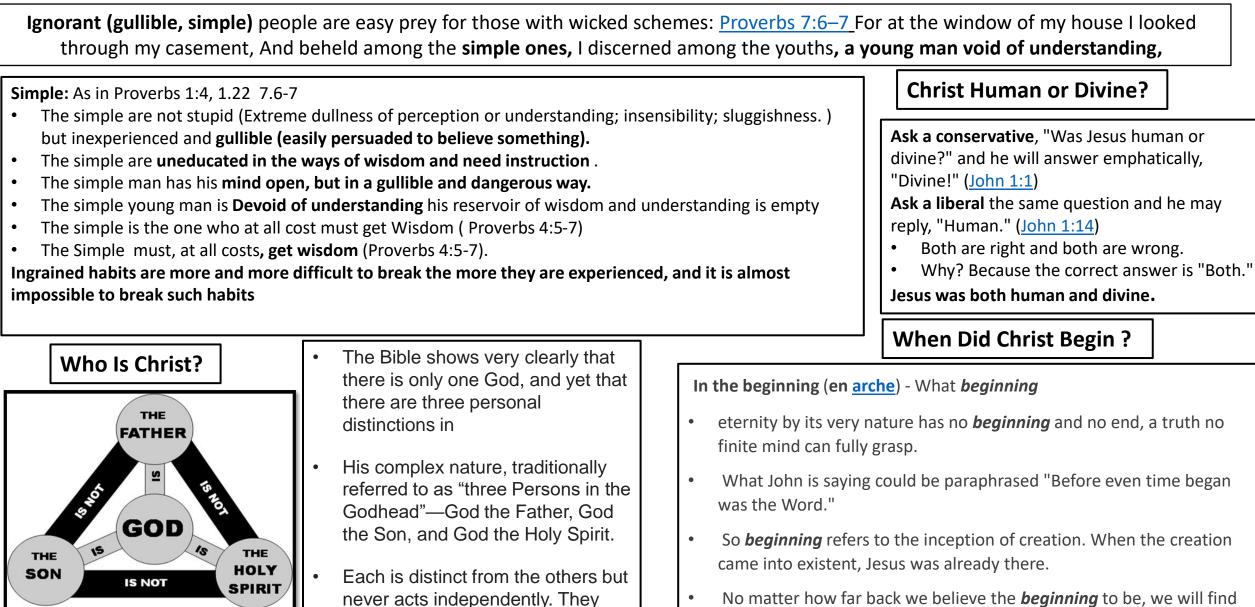
John was surprised to see the wicked spending their days in carnality and feasting. David was grieved at the prosperity of the wicked and could not account for their not being in trouble as other men. Amos was astonished to behold the sinners in Zion living at ease, putting the evil day far from them, lying on beds of ivory. Nothing but their SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS can explain the conduct of the vast majority of mankind, crying peace and safety when exposed to IMPENDING DESTRUCTION." ~ Arthur Pink, "The Doctrine of Man's Impotence"

- 1. Spiritual Blindness Explained: <u>Jhn 1:5</u> : <u>Isa 29:10</u>; <u>Mat 6:23</u>; <u>Jhn 3:19,20</u>
- 2. Spiritual blindness is the Effect Of Unbelief: <u>Rom 11:8</u>; <u>2Cr 4:3,4</u>
- 3. Spiritual blindness is a Work of the Devil: <u>2Cr 4:4</u>
- 4. Spiritual Blindness Leads to All Evil: Eph 4:17-19
- 5. Spiritual blindness is Fatal to Ministers : Mat 15:14
- 6. Spiritual blindness in the Wicked: <u>Psa 82:5</u>; Jer 5:21
- 7. Spiritual blindness of The Self-Righteous: Mat 23:19,26; Rev 3:17
- 8. The Wicked are Wilfully Guilty Of spiritual blindness: <u>Isa 26:11</u>; <u>Rom 1:19-21</u>
- Spiritual Blindness can be Judicially Inflicted: <u>Psa 69:23</u>; <u>Isa 29:10</u>; <u>44:18</u>; <u>Mat 13:13,14</u>; <u>Jhn 12:40</u>
- 10. Pray for the Removal Of spiritual blindness: Psa 13:3; 119:18
- 11. Christ Appointed to Remove spiritual blindness: <u>Isa 42:7</u>; <u>Luk 4:18</u>; <u>Jhn</u> <u>8:12</u>; <u>9:39</u>; <u>2Cr 4:6</u>
- 12. Christ's Ministers Are Lights to Remove Spiritual blindness: Mat 5:14; Act 26:18
- Saints Are Delivered From spiritual blindness: <u>Jhn 8:12</u>; <u>Eph 5:8</u>; <u>Col</u> <u>1:13</u>; <u>1Th 5:4,5</u>; <u>1Pe 2:9</u>
- 14. Spiritual Blindness Exemplified(Israel): Rom 11:25; 2Cr 3:15
- 15. Spiritual blindness of Scribes and Pharisees: Mat 23:16,24
- 16. Spiritual blindness in the Churches of Laodicea: <u>Rev 3:17</u>

One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character." Andrew Murray



Man's Ignorance Of Christ



are one in nature and purpose

No matter how far back we believe the **beginning** to be, we will find Jesus, the pre-existent Word.