

## IGNORANCE IS A CHOICE

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*People are surrounded and overwhelmed by far too many choices in every day life. The amount of information facing everyone is beyond comprehension and increasing at a record level. Modern technology such as smart phones, social media and television; demand consistent and increased attention. There are far too many choices, thus priorities need to be put in place. These choices need to be made on a daily basis... remember, ignorance is a choice as much as any other!! Like eternal life and living an overcoming life, many of the small choices we make, shape our future as well as the important ones. The power of the Holy Spirit opens our eyes enabling us to see far better options. **ACT 26:18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. The offer of a far better life still remains.*

*Many are offended by the truth... despite God given signs. **MAR 2:4** And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. These men were trying to get Jesus to heal their friend... nothing was going to stop them. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. **6** But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, **7** Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? Ignorance was blinding them. **8** And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Look at the evidence... what does the Spirit of God show you to be true? **9** Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? **10** But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) God's signs support the authority of the speaker, the truth and power of the gospel. **11** I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. **12** And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion. This is happening today... make good choices.*

*Like Jesus, true believers have signs following. **1THE 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. Those who hear and act on the word of God have made it clear that Godly ignorance is not their chosen state.*

*Pharaoh reminds us that no amount of signs are good enough for some people... ten signs and ten rejections... heart hardened rather than humbled. **EXO 9:34** And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. **35** And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses. Some people get aggressive and angry when the power and love of God is presented to them... this is hard to comprehend unless wilful blindness is more appealing than the truth. God's truth requires humility.*

*It would seem that spiritual blindness is based on ego rather than a love of the truth. **2COR 3:15** But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. **16** Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Spiritual death through ignorance and unbelief is healed by repentance.*

*This is spoken to the church... not the unsaved. **EPH 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, God has revealed his power and truth to us, because we choose to worship him and seek truth on a daily basis. God's truth is signs based... not ego based and much more than religious beliefs and powerless ritual.*

*When the heart is right... lots of things start happening. It is always disappointing when people make bad choices or give up on the Lord, but they will have to live with the consequences, not us. It hurts to see people you love and care for, fail and it hurts even more when they turn their back on the power of God's truth... but ignorance is always the only option for everyone who refuse to walk in the Spirit.*

*Let us do the work of the Lord. **MAT5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Our calling is to present people with the far better option than certain death. They will make their own choices according to the integrity of their own hearts. God will prick them as we speak and whenever they choose to think about spiritual matters. Remember, salvation or remaining in ignorance are always the choices of everyone we speak to.*