

# Ignorance Keeps People From Becoming Christians

by Tim Conway

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*Ignorance is the primary reason why people do not become Christians, and it leads to missing out on the paradise of God and facing the horrors of the lake of fire.*

**Duration:** 6:28

**Scripture:** Proverbs 1:7, Hosea 4:6, John 3:16, Acts 17:30, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 4:18, Colossians 1:9-10, 1 Timothy 1:13, 2 Timothy 2:15

**Topics:** "Spiritual Ignorance", "Christian Conversion"

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## Description

This sermon delves into the theme of ignorance as a hindrance to embracing Christianity, using the example of Paul's past actions and rejection of Christ due to ignorance. It emphasizes how ignorance prevents individuals from recognizing the need for salvation and the consequences of rejecting Christ, highlighting the importance of seeking knowledge and understanding to overcome ignorance and accept the truth of the Gospel.

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## Transcript

Notice the text again, 1 Timothy 1.13, I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly. What had he been doing? He acted ignorantly. Well, he says it in the first part of the verse.

What had he done? He was hunting Christians. Okay, why does a man hunt Christians rather than become a Christian? Ignorance. That's what he's saying.

Why would he not fall down before the Lord Jesus Christ who is mighty to save, to be saved from his sins? Ignorance. Why would he not surrender to the Jewish Messiah? Look, he was a Jew. He was versed in the Jewish Scriptures.

He knew about the Jewish Messiah. He knew that there was One that was coming. One who would be born in Bethlehem.

One, the Ancient of Days. He knew unto us a child would be born. He read Isaiah 53.

He knew those things. Why would he not embrace the Jewish Messiah when He came upon the scene? Ignorance. Why would he not come to Christ that he might have life and have it more abundantly?

Brethren, he's telling us.

It's like he looks at it. He's looking back on his former life and the appalling ignorance of it all. Brethren, can I tell you this? Ignorance is the very explanation as to why all men in this world who are not Christians are not Christians.

That's the explanation. Why do they continue? Why? Brethren, these people out here Some of you in here. Why would some people come here? Some of you young people, teenagers.

Why would you come here? And you want to think about social media and you want to think about your friends and you want to think about getting home and watching a video and you want to get home and watch a movie or you want to get home and watch the game. You want to do this. You want to do that.

And this is boring. This is boring. Why? Why do you feel that way? Ignorance.

If I could take you right now and show you the paradise of God that was guaranteed to that thief on the cross and I could give you a glimpse of it. If I could take you right now into the flames of the lake of fire and show you the horrors of it. If I could just show you the limited amount that I know about the goodness of Christ and His beauty and His grace.

If I could show you just what I know, you would say, what a fool I've been. But why don't you do that? Ignorance. Ignorance.

People of this... Brethren, you young people, see, I know I was where you are. And I know what some of you are thinking. And I know what the people out there are thinking.

Their thinking, it's their wisdom. It's their discernment. It's their knowledge.

It's their intelligence that leads them to not become a Christian. Isn't that what they think? And that's what many of you young people, you just say, this is stupid. Why would you say that? When we're talking about how to escape the just wrath of God.

And I mean, look, if I could come up here and tell you about a way for you to be annihilated so that you would not have to endure the horrors of hell. Brethren, I can tell you this. If I could take every person in San Antonio into hell for ten seconds, we could all come back here.

And next Sunday, my message was going to be about how to become annihilated. Rather than endure that, this church would be full to the hilt. People would be pressing to get in here just to be annihilated.

Just to avoid, just to go into an eternal sleep and have it to be as if they were never born. Why? Because of the terrors and the horrors are that bad. And some preacher stands up and tells you, and you think, I've got it figured out.

I don't need that kind of crutch. I'm wiser than this. Smugly, you think you've got it all figured out.

Ignorance. Ignorance. That's what Paul's telling us.

That's where he works. People imagine that it's precisely their learning that lifts them above the primitive superstitions. I've heard it called that.

That's basically what Christians are accused of by this world. This very wise world out here with all of its intelligence and learning. Primitive superstitions.

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