

*Romans #079*

**“Ignorance is no excuse”**

*Romans 6:3*

*“Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.”*

*Will Rogers*

*“Once out of school, nearly 60 percent of all adult Americans will never again read a single book.”*

*Larry Wolwode*

Roman Catholic tradition stated that if you were going to be saved, you lived a certain way and the only way anyone could know you're on the right path was if you lived by the church's standards.

In Catholic theology, you don't really know if you're saved until you die because salvation isn't something that occurs at the moment you trust in Jesus Christ.

*So, the evidence of salvation in this line of thinking becomes your life, not whether or not you believe the promises of God.*

**Their mantra became:**

**“While we are saved by faith alone, the faith that saves is never alone.”**

The Calvinist says God will only give the gift of faith to the elect, so if you're not elected, God doesn't give you the gift of faith.

**In the spiritual life, growth or fruit-bearing is not an automatic consequence of being saved.**

If you think the Christian life requires your works to demonstrate the work of God in your life, you'll never really be assured that you have eternal life, here and now.

**Ignorance of biblical truth is the most serious problem in Christianity in the 1st as well as in 21st century.**

Understanding and applying biblical truth is the only means of spiritual growth to acquire capacity blessings from God and the only way to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in time.

We all grow up responding to issues in life with our sin natures and we developed skills and habits from our sin natures that we think will give us security and comfort in life.

**Personal sin had to be judged for the grace provision of salvation but human good and evil could not be imputed and judged for salvation and will not until the end of the Millennium.**

The believer can now walk in newness of life being separated positionally from human good and evil, which is the environment for the *a fortiori* blessings in chapter 5.

*The blessings received from the justice of God at spiritual maturity, plus the environment provided through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, results in the mature believer having greater blessing than Adam and Eve had in the Garden.*