

Lesson Notes:

Why Some People Ignore the Truth of Jesus Christ

Even though some people are presented with the Gospel at certain points in their lives they may choose to reject God. This can be concerning for us especially if this person is a close friend or relative. Knowing what some of the road blocks may be, may enable us to better deal with this challenge. Below is a list of reasons why people may reject the truth of Christ.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Spiritual Ignorance** – Paul tells us in **Ephesians 4:17-24** that people may be so wrapped up in their passions and the things or cares of this world that they become spiritually ignorant to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- 2) **Spiritual Darkness** – In **Romans 1:18-21** Paul tells us God's attributes are visible to all of us but some fail to recognize what the heavens and nature declares to us.
- 3) **Pride, Foolishness, Arrogance** – In **Romans 1:22-23** Paul tells us that some believe that they are wise and therefore cannot accept the concept of a heavenly creator. This can go to the point of worship the things created by man instead of worshipping the creator.
- 4) **They love sin more than they love god** – In **Romans 1:24-32** Paul lists some of the awful sins which people can become wrapped up in to the point that it becomes an addiction and takes over their life. Alcohol, Fornication and Pornography are a few of those mentioned by Paul.
- 5) **Lack of Faith** – In **Hebrews 4:2** Paul says a lack of faith is a problem for the unsaved.
- 6) **Lack of conviction of Sin** – In **John 16:8** Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will convict us of sin and righteousness but some will reject that conviction.
- 7) **They are under the attack of demons** – In **John 1:21-27** Jesus casts out demons from a man that is possessed. In **Ephesians 6:12** Paul reminds us that our struggles are not against flesh and blood but against powers not of this world.
- 8) **They may be unequally yoked** – In **2 Corinthians 6:14** Paul tells us the importance of not being yoked to an unbeliever as it may affect our relationship with Christ. In **Judges 14:3** Samson's father implored him to seek a Jewish wife and not a Philistine woman (Delilah).

- 9) **They believe the lies of Satan and are totally deceived** – Jesus tells the unbelieving Jews that they are followers of Satan in **John 8:44**. In **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Paul lists common sins that we must repent and seek forgiveness to enter into Heaven.