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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Ignorance

"To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge." – Benjamin Disraeli

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects." – Will Rogers

"I was gratified to be able to answer promptly, I said I don't know." – Mark Twain

"There was a lot I had never heard before." – Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., *Jailbird*

"I only know when I don't know a thing...wisdom lies in that." – George, Macdonald, *The Flight of the Shadow*, Ch. 14

It is hard to admit that you don't know something. But then there are those are are self-proclaimed experts who refuse to admit their ignorance.

When it comes to Scripture, it is shocking to see and hear how little people really know about the Bible. When doing a survey years ago, in which people were asked what version of the Bible that they used, it was alarming to hear the number who proclaimed they used, "The Holy Bible." Or, those who proudly proclaimed they used the King James Version, and acted as though it was the same which Peter and Paul carried in the first century.

Then there are the interesting individuals who think that Noah's wife was Joan of Arc, or that Moses was one of the apostles. We may chuckle at such matters, but when you find it among well-meaning brethren, it is a reason for concern.

To have the honor of leading a Bible class is wonderful, but you quickly are dismayed when you announce to turn to the book of 1 Corinthians and have some turning to the Old Testament looking for 1 Chronicles. Or to see brethren going to the index because they have virtually no knowledge of Scripture.

The Bible encourages us to study (2 Tim. 2:15), and to be like the Berean's who searched the Scriptures on a daily basis (Acts 17:11). Peter admonished, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Pet. 3:15). How can one strive to give a defense or answer (KJV) when they don't know the Bible!

There was a time when we had the honor of being known among Churches of Christ for our knowledge of Scripture. If someone didn't know where it was in the Bible, they would call a member of the church who knew the reference and could quote the verse. Today, it is sadly not the same. So few know their Bibles because other gods have come before the true and living God, and His holy word!