

Week 09  
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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... *the knowledge of God* ...”**  
*1 Corinthians 15:34*

When did you come to the knowledge of God? Who was it that spoke to you about the gospel and the knowledge of God? How did that knowledge affect your life? How is that knowledge presently affecting your life? Do you realize that there are those that do not have or know the knowledge of God?

That was Paul's point in the text. Paul wasn't only explaining the doctrine of resurrection. Neither was Paul only warning the Corinthians against false teachers and their doctrine. With strong words, Paul rebukes and reproofs them to not only be defensive remaining steadfast in the doctrines of Christ, but also to be offensive by sharing the gospel with those who do not know the knowledge of God. As a matter of fact, Paul tells the Corinthians, “I speak this to your shame.”

Why is this so important to Paul? It is important to Paul because when the Corinthians should have been winning people to Christ, they were allowing their faith to be undermined and themselves to be confused by false teaching against basic and fundamental doctrine. In essence, he was saying what he had said before elsewhere in Scripture that while they should have been teaching others the Word of God they were in need of being taught.

I believe it was Winston Churchill who said that a man who is called upon to shine forth in what would be his finest hour, and is not prepared, has no excuse and no one to blame but himself. The idea that Churchill was trying to get across was that everyone at all times should be prepared as if every hour were their finest. Further, the let down by those who are not prepared goes further than themselves to affect all involved.

As believers, we are to be prepared to share the gospel or to defend the faith that lies within us. As believers, we are the only ones who can. As believers, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do so, and we will be held accountable if we don't. As believers, if we find ourselves unprepared, or worse, unwilling to share the gospel, it will be spoken of to our shame.

Are you born again? Do you not only know about God, but have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ? Are you prepared to share your faith with others? Do you share your faith with others knowing that some people do not have the knowledge of God?