**Part Three: Enemies of Faith**

**Lesson Eighteen**

**Day 30**

Day 30: “Ignorance”

**Discussion Questions**

1. While it isn’t always true that “what we don’t know can’t hurt us”, how is it true that when we don’t know *good* things we can’t benefit from them? Give some practical and spiritual examples.
2. Why are many Christians today unaware (ignorant) of the many blessings that are theirs?
3. Why is it incorrect to say that Christians should only be concerned about what they can give and not about what they can receive?
4. How might we distinguish between a provision and a promise of God? Give examples that apply in your own life.
5. Describe how different life would be for a Christian who does not understand that he already has eternal life and the life of someone who understands that eternal life is his current possession. Was there a time in your walk with God when you weren’t convinced you possessed eternal life? How has knowing this (or, how might knowing this) made (make) a difference in your relationship with God?
6. What might a “spiritual blessing” be?
7. What does Peter add to our understanding about blessings/gifts when he says, “all things that pertain to life and godliness”? In other words, are our blessings only “spiritual”? What might those things be that pertain to “life”?
8. Who causes us to know what God has freely given us? When we hear the good news of something God has provided or promised, what automatically (supernaturally) happens in our hearts?
9. Grace is ALL of what God has given us, not just how we are saved. It’s not just the power to be free from sin. Grace isn’t only how we go through difficulties. Grace is much more. Explain.
10. We have a NEW covenant with BETTER promises. Psalm 103:1-5 lists some of the benefits of the Old Covenant. How might ours be even greater than these already AMAZING gifts?
11. How can knowing that God wants to reveal His many blessings to us so that we can partake of the divine nature motivate us in our study of Scripture?
12. In overcoming the overwhelming, we usually need to discover specific good news (grace) for our personal situation. What if it isn’t precisely expressed in the Scripture? How can we discover this specific good news?
13. This revelation of God’s grace might include lovingly showing us what we are believing or doing that are causing or contributing to our troubles. Discuss how this will help us find victory. What role can “law” play in holding us down?
14. In 2 Corinthians 8:9 it says that He became poor for our sakes, that through His poverty we might become rich. Discuss the many different things the word “rich” might include.
15. How then is “ignorance” an enemy of faith? How does being ignorant of His provisions and promises keep us “poor”? Discuss how this enemy can be defeated. How will defeating ignorance improve our ability to live victoriously in the different areas of our lives?