

## The Lordship of Jesus - Part 3

### Serving Christ in Our Knowledge

In this Bible Study lesson we will would like to focus our discussion on how do we serve Christ with the **"right"** knowledge! To get a clear understanding of this we must address the complexity of how humans acquire knowledge. This question has grabbed the attention of many of the world's top scientists, philosophers, psychologists and educators for centuries. Their extensive research and studies have led to diverse theories on how we acquire knowledge.

#### John Locke (English Philosopher)

The concept of **tabula rasa** implies that humans are born with minds like "blank slates" and have no inherent knowledge or innate ideas. Instead, all our knowledge, beliefs, and personality are acquired through experiences and perceptions from the external world. This theory emphasizes the role of empiricism, suggesting that environment and education are key in shaping an individual's identity and moral character.

#### Jean Piaget's (Swiss Psychologist)

Theory of cognitive development proposes that children actively construct knowledge through four distinct, universal stages: the Sensorimotor (0-2 years), Preoperational (2-7 years), Concrete Operational (7-11 years), and Formal Operational (12+ years) stages. Key concepts include schemas (mental frameworks for understanding the world) and the processes of assimilation (fitting new information into existing schemas) and accommodation (modifying schemas for new information), which work together to drive development through a process called equilibration.

### Biblical Scriptures

According to the world there are diverse sources for the origin of knowledge but the Bible states there is only one source from which knowledge originates.

- **Proverbs 1:7**

- 7 The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
  - ◆ This verse teaches us that true understanding and wisdom are rooted in recognizing God's sovereignty.
  - ◆ Your dependence is on Him rather than pure intellect.
  - ◆ Those who rely purely on human intellect are considered to be fools.

Not only is God the progenitor of knowledge but it is also He (Yahweh) who is the giver of knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

- **Proverbs 2:1-6**

- 1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

- 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

### **Growth Question:**

If this concept is true, when does God begin to hold us accountable for our sins? What age?

God is the only teacher of wisdom. He chose to teach us not through human intellect but by the indwelling guidance of the Holy Spirit.

- **John 14:26**

- 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Human intellect independent of the influence of the Holy Spirit is worldly foolishness! It is dangerous and destructive!

- **Luke 11:52**

- 52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

The Holy Spirit is the only teacher of the spirit of the Law. Human intellect can only teach the letter of the law.

- **2 Corinthians 3:6**

- 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.