



# UNCONSCIOUS ABOUT OUR IGNORANCE

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**GALATIANS 3:1 NLT – (1)** Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross.

Paul calls the Galatians "foolish," and asks: who has bewitched them? When Paul was there, they had clearly understood the simple truth of the gospel of God's grace. They understood the power of the cross. Paul said they saw it with their own eyes when he described it to them. Did someone use magic to steal away the truth from them? Are they under an evil spell? Paul is not really suggesting that some kind of hex is at work; he is making the point that this is such a foolish lie that it is as if someone is manipulating their beliefs against their will.

These were people in the region of Galatia who had believed in Jesus when Paul visited their towns on one of his missionary journeys. Now, however, they had begun to believe the lies of the Judaizers, a group of Jewish leaders who taught that Gentiles must be circumcised and follow the law to truly be saved.

The word ignorant in the Greek means that one who doesn't recognize, uninformed or unaware. Many people today are unaware of their ignorance. Following preachers and not knowing if they are telling the truth or not. The bible tells us to study thyself approved (2 TIMOTHY 2:15)! That means we must study! Not just reading. It also doesn't mean developing your own truth. God's leaders have been put in place and not to gain a position, title or recognition. The truth is already there. It is in place. But like the Galatians, many have been bewitched and walking in pure deception.

Many false prophets right before you and we go along as if it is of God. Or do we even know the difference. Knowledge + Understanding + Application = Relationship.

**SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:18**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.