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Hosea 4:6, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”*

A lack of knowledge can be harmful and even deadly. Not having proper knowledge of power equipment can lead to serious injury or death. Not knowing you have some ailment that could be cured can cost you many years of your life.

Hosea is letting people know what the lack of knowledge of God’s word can do. We expect the people of the world to not have much or perhaps no knowledge of the Bible. In the verse above, the LORD says “my” people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. It was not the people one would expect to have no knowledge. It was the people of God.

We are the people of God when we obey Him and become His children. We should be the most knowledgeable people on the earth with regards to the Bible. How is our knowledge of the Bible? Does

it grow day to day or at least weekly? Do we know more than we did this time last year?

The knowledge of the Bible comes from reading and studying it. Our knowledge will grow when we are exposed regularly to the Bible. Likewise, our knowledge can decrease. We are human and tend to forget things. As we spend time away from regular study, our knowledge will begin to decrease.

Note in Hosea what the result was from lack of knowledge. The people were destroyed. Lack of knowledge of God’s word leads to spiritual destruction.

What caused this lack of knowledge? The next sentence in the verse tells us. They had rejected knowledge. They had access to the knowledge of God’s word, but rejected it. How sad to have access to the knowledge of eternal life but reject it.

We as children of God, and those of the world, have the Bible all about us. It’s available in every store, online, and always near us. When we refuse to read, study and obey, we are rejecting knowledge.

The end result of those rejecting knowledge of God’s word is shown. The LORD said because they had rejected knowledge, He had rejected them. Those who reject the knowledge of God will lose their eternal souls. The final rejection will come when they hear the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:41, *“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”*

The last time the word knowledge is used in the Bible, we are exhorted to grow in knowledge. II Peter 3:18, *“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Mae Walters**, the sister of Shirley Parson, fell and lay on a furnace receiving severe burns. She is now home. **Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Jerry Edwards** is continuing to have a lot of trouble with kidney stones. **Shirley Parson** has not felt well and has been unable to attend for a while.

—Congratulations to **Patrick & Chelsee Crabtree** on the birth of **Caden Alexander Crabtree**. He was born November 20 at 6:15 p.m. He weighed 7 lb. 16 oz. and was 19" long.

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Revelation 14:6, *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”*

In regards to the previous article, we all know that knowledge is good. Most knowledge is for a short time. One can study tech and computers and that knowledge is soon outdated. Not only does that field constantly change, but almost every discipline has vast changes with each passing year.

That is one of the reasons I enjoy studying the Bible so much. I know that the words and teachings I learn from the Bible will never change. We always learn something new as we study the Bible. That is not because the Bible changes, but we change as we study and learn more. Perhaps the knowledge of one scripture helps us to better understand another.

Every time we open the Bible we can count on it being the same. It will never change. I take such comfort in that. I know that as John wrote in Revelation, it is *“the everlasting gospel.”*

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Sunday, November 19, 2017		
Classes	15	I Timothy 3:8-16
Preaching	20	I Timothy 4:3-4
Contribution	\$604.00	
Evening	14	Jonah 1:1-17
Tuesday, November 21, 2017		
Classes	13	Revelation 2:1-11

Visitors— Nov 19 (AM) Steve Townsend (Nashville, TN)

## Bible Quiz

The one who overcomes will eat of what?

Last Week's Answer— Seven stars (Revelation 1:16)

Colossians 2:2-3, *“<sup>2</sup>That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; <sup>3</sup>In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)