

One Understanding Ephesians 3:1-5

Evident from divided religious world that we don't see Bible alike

Why? To many it is an unsolved mystery. The answer is different to different people depending on motives, background, etc.

Basically reasons today are same as those which prompted rejection of Christ and his crucifixion by the "religious" people of his day. - **Ephesians 4:4-6**

Jesus prayed for unity **John 17:20-23**, Paul pleaded for **1Corinthians 1:10-13**

Actually if we understand Bible at all, we must "understand" it alike.

The Bible Can Be Understood!

The Bible itself claims it can be understood

John 7:17; 8:31-32; 1Corinthians 2:11-13; Ephesians 3:4

God's justice demands the Bible can be understood

Matthew 7:21-23; John 12:48; 2Thessalonians 1:7-9; Acts 10:34

May not fully understand all things - that needed for salvation can be

Giving law that must be obeyed yet made it incomprehensible - unjust

God's power assures that it can be understood - **Romans 1:16; 2Peter 1:20-21**

Did he not have power to make it comprehensible?

Did he not have the power to preserve it?

At what point in history did God's power become so weak that man had to be left to a garbled understanding of His will

Reasons For Crucifixion Also Cause Of Rejection Of Truth Today

Prejudice - **Matthew 13:13-15**

Prejudice caused "religious" Jews to reject the Christ - **John 5:39-40**

Saw miracles, heard parables, yet "ye would not" - **Matthew 23:37-39**

Fault not Christ nor Message, but with hearts & attitudes of hearers

Guard against trying make Bible prove what want - **2Thessalonians 2:11-12**

Traditions of men

Jews rejected Christ because didn't conform to traditions - **Mark 7:6-9**

This is following the righteousness of men - **Romans 10:1-3**

Such led to crucifixion - He didn't in royal garments, great army, etc

Many in error today because of "inherited faith"

Follow human creeds - men of past thought concerning religion.

Influence of parents - desire to be like parents

Such are causes for not understand the Bible alike. The fault is not in Bible though

False teachers - **Matthew 15:13-14**

Jesus constantly opposed by false teachers with "hard" questions trying to turn away the multitudes **Matthew 22:34-40; 21:23-27**

Many place confidence in men who are false teachers - **2Corinthians 11:14-15; 1John 4:1; Galatians 1:6-9**

Ignorance and unconcern

Had Jews known he was Son of God would not have crucified Him - **Acts 3:17; 1Corinthians 2:7-8**

Most people have good hearts but never investigate Bible - **Acts 17:11; Matthew 7:21-23; Hosea 4:6**

Many reasons for religious confusion in the world today

Some causes of "misunderstanding" the Bible are failures to rightly divide word, following opinions rather than the revealed word, etc

But in most cases can be carried back to reasons for crucifixion of Lord

If we keep our attitude pure and sincerely search the scriptures, we can know the truth and thereby save our souls.