

## Christian Atheist

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Christian Atheists are “people who believe in God but live as if He doesn’t exist”. Craig Groeschel

### Three Potential Areas for “Christian Atheism”

#### 1. I believe in God *but* “I don’t really know Him”.

- Different levels of \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Christian \_\_\_\_\_ versus the Christian life. (Matthew 7:21-23)
- Open the door to \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 3:20)

#### 2. I believe in God *but* “I don’t really trust Him”.

- Trusting God is living with an attitude of knowing He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 40:27-29)
- Our money says “In God We Trust” but, in reality, is it “\_\_\_\_\_”?

#### 3. I believe in God *but* “I don’t want to live differently than those around me”.

- Leviticus 18:1-4
- Romans 12:1-2
- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11-12

Are we willing to be different?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

As people look at us in the here and now, do they see . . .

- People who are \_\_\_\_\_ in a dark place?
- People who don’t \_\_\_\_\_?
- People who are working on what it means to \_\_\_\_\_ well?
- People who don’t bicker and have \_\_\_\_\_.
- People who are taking stands for \_\_\_\_\_ in a loving and thoughtful way?
- People who are struggling with what it means to \_\_\_\_\_?
- People who are \_\_\_\_\_ to reach out to those who are less fortunate?
- People who are willing to \_\_\_\_\_?

“No comment could be more hurtful to Christians than the words, ‘But you are no different than anyone else.’” John Stott

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

What are some potential areas in your life in which you might be vulnerable to Christian Atheism?

What is the biggest obstacle you face when it comes to knowing God?

What is the biggest obstacle you face when it comes to trusting God?

As people look at Redeemer, do you think they see people who are "different" from the world or do we simply blend in?

Do you think the "Christian difference" in someone's life scares or attracts people? Why or why not?

Why do you think God had you here today? What did you need to hear? What do you think God wants you to do in response to today's service?

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