

Christian Atheist: God's Love

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Definition: A Christian Atheist is someone who believes in God *but* lives as if He doesn't exist.

I believe in God *but* I'm not sure I believe He really _____ me.

Believe:

- "To accept _____."
- To be solidly _____ that God loves me.
- To _____ my life to God because He loves me so much.
- To know He _____ me as much as He _____ other people.

1. What Are Some of the Things That Keep Us From Believing God Loves Us?

- God can't love me because He allowed _____ to happen.
- God can't love me because I'm not _____ enough to be worth loving.
- God can't love me because of my _____.
- God can't love me simply because I'm too _____.
- God can't love me because I've _____ Him too many times.

2. What Is the Truth About God's Love?

- God's love is _____, _____, and _____.
- *God is love.* (1 John 4:8)
- God can't "_____". Love is simply what He is.
- Even though we don't understand everything, God's love is always _____. (Isaiah 49:14-16)
- God's love _____ with our pain. (John 11:35)
- God loves us even while we don't _____ Him. (Romans 5:8)

If there is any doubt about God's love, you just have to _____.

An Important Sidebar . . .

A Sobering Consequence – Romans 1:21-24.

A Needed Consequence – Hebrews 12:5-6

3. What Difference Would It Make If We Truly Believed God Loves Us? We can now KNOW that:

- We are never _____. (Romans 8:38-39)
- Things aren't _____. (Psalms 62:11-12a)
- We have a _____. (1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:14-15, Phillips)
- We can be _____. (II Corinthians 3:17-18)
- We have a _____ in life. (Matthew 5:13-16)
- There is indescribable _____. (Romans 8:18-19, Phillips)
- We are incomprehensibly _____. (Romans 5:8)

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.*

- Reread the scriptures covered this week and see what God shows you. Focus on the scripture reference at the conclusion of the sermon. (Note: God might lead you in a different direction than was covered in the sermon, but that's okay. In fact, that's great!)
- What is the biggest struggle you face in truly believing that God loves you?
- Read John 3:16 and replace the words "the world" with your name. How does that sound? Do you believe it?
- What would change in your life if you really believed that God loved you?
- Have you had experiences that were difficult at the time, but have been able to see God's loving hand as you look back on them?
- What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?
- Why do you think God had you here this morning? (Note: This might not be related to the sermon.)

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