

Christian Atheist – Sharing Our Faith
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A Christian Atheist is someone who believes in God *but* lives as if He doesn't exist. Craig Groeschel

In other words, someone who doesn't really incorporate the faith into his/her life. (Titus 1:16)

- I believe in God *but* I don't really know Him.
- I believe in God *but* I don't really trust Him.
- I believe in God *but* I don't want to live differently from the world around me.
- I believe in God *but* pursue happiness more than I pursue Him.
- I believe in God *but* am unwilling to forgive people.
- I believe in God *but* I'm not sure He loves me.
- I believe in God *but* still worry all the time.
- I believe in God *but* _____ – especially to people who aren't Christians.

The Message

Part 1- The Devastating Truth: Ephesians 2:1-3

Unless we face the "bad news", we can't appreciate the good news.

Part 2 – The Glorious Good News: Ephesians 2:4-10

1. Who?

- God is the _____.

2. What?

- Saved us from:
 - The _____ of sin

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- Made us alive in Christ.
- Gives us a _____.

3. Why?

- He _____ us.
- He is indescribably rich in _____.

"The main thing Paul wants to stress is the sheer, almost unbelievable, magnificent kindness of God."-Tom Wright

"We were dead, but have been made spiritually alive and alert. We were in captivity but have been enthroned."-John Stott

The Messenger

Sharing our faith will not always be _____, but the issue is not whether it is easy or comfortable. The issue is that it is vitally _____. (Romans 10:15b)

A Starting Place for Everybody

1. Learn From "Regular" People (John 4:28-30, John 9:25-27, Luke 8:38-39)

- These were all just regular people.
- They had _____ Christ.
- They simply _____.

2. Pray Regularly For God To Do Two Things

- Provide an _____ to communicate God's love in some form or fashion to somebody.
- Give us _____ to His direction.

Now What?

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 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.)
- What is the biggest obstacle you need to overcome as you communicate the good news of Christ to those around you?
- What individual (or individuals) most effectively communicated Christ to you? How did they do it? Could you do that for someone else?
- Identify two people you know who need to know of Christ's saving grace and love.
 1. _____
 2. _____
- Pray for those people.

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