

## Why Believe In God?

By Ron Boatwright

The evidence of God is all around us. Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." How could mankind and everything else in this world just have accidentally happened as the atheists try to claim? It couldn't. All one has to do is to look at all of God's handiwork.

One has no excuse to not believe in God. Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'". One is a fool to not believe in God. Why don't people believe in God? Jesus says concerning some of those who will be lost in Hell that, "the devil comes and takes the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved" (Luke 8:12). The devil doesn't want us to believe in God and be saved. The devil is very successful with many people in convincing them to not believe in God. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." The only way we can be saved is to believe in God. If we don't believe in God we will not diligently seek to please God by obeying Him. If one does not believe in God and Christ, one will not do what They say. If one does not do what the Lord says he will die in his sins and be eternally lost in Hell. Jesus says, "For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24).

But what happens if we die in our sins? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 says at the end of time, "and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power".

What does it mean to be eternally lost in Hell? God's word says in Revelation 20:10, 15, "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever...And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." Many people don't believe in Hell, but one day they will. If one is eternally lost in Hell, because he doesn't believe in God, he will only have himself to blame. All those who are lost in Hell will then believe that there is a God, but it will be too late then. One is a fool to not believe in God.

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**10:20 am Worship**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**Wednesday Night**

**7:pm**

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## Is There A Minimum?

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Many people want to know what the bare minimum is they can get by with in their lives. Also some Christians want to do the minimum in their spiritual lives. But does God allow a bare minimum? Jesus says, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). If we really love God, we will want to do all we can.

Some may ask, "How many times a week do I have to go to church?", or "How much do I have to give?", or "How much do I have to do?" This is the wrong attitude. Jesus says, "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:10). If we try to get by with the bare minimum in our spiritual lives, we will most likely be horribly surprised on Judgment Day when we hear the Lord say, "Depart from Me" because we have not faithfully done the will of the "Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21-23). It will be too late then. It will be final. Can we do too much for the Lord? No!

We must do the most we can for the Lord. We must, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven when this life is over. God "is a rewarder of those, who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). But we must diligently seek God if we expect to receive the reward of Heaven. The Bible says, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). But we must be "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God" (Hebrews 12:15). We can definitely fall from the grace of God even though Satan says we can't.

What about those who are lukewarm? Jesus says, "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Those who are lukewarm make Jesus sick at His stomach. But Jesus promises, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Let's make sure we go to Heaven. Nothing is as important.

## Those to Serve

(B) Judd Wall FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Jack Wall 2nd prayer Jeffrey Burks

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire Singing: Mike Mallett

**Prayer List:** Naomi Wall , Mildred Lovell , Gene Payne, Lloyd Crownover, Ruby Jones, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

### You should know that the New Testament teaches that the church is called--

- the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 24)
- the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-32; Revelation 3:12; 19: 6-9; 21:2, 9)
- the kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13)
- the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15)
- the church of the firstborn (Hebrews 12:23)
- the church of the Lord (Acts 20:28)
- the church of God (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- the churches of Christ (Romans 16:16)
- the church (Ephesians 3:10)

### Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.



To

Mike Lovell July 16

Keith Stifflemire July 22

### Dates to Remember

July 31st

Noon Fellowship

August 7th

Mission Sunday

August 28th

Noon Fellowship



To

Mike & Connie Mallett

July 19th