

Why I Believe

Part 1 | Why I Believe in God

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1 Peter 3:8-17 (ESV)

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

I. DOES GOD EXIST?

II. WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IN GOD?

1. The question of **ORIGIN**
2. The **EARTH** itself
3. The human **BODY**
4. The question of **MORALITY** and **PURPOSE**
5. The **TESTIMONY** of **BELIEVERS**

III. WHAT ABOUT DOUBT?

Psalms 13:1 (ESV)

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Psalms 44:23-26 (ESV)

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever! Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. Rise up; come to our help Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

Isaiah 45:15 (ESV)

Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.