

The Christian Atheist

Seriously...God, I Don't Want To!

1st Peter 3:13-17

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Introduction

- What are things to look for in a Christian Atheist? We have covered four things:
 - When you believe in God, but you do not try to get to know Him.
 - When you believe in God, but you are stuck in your past.
 - When you believe in God, but you are not sure He loves you.
 - When you believe in God, but not in prayer.
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 - The Christian Atheist is:
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1. Someone who Believes in God, but does not think He is fair:

- a. Things are not fair ... Life is not fair!
- b. I want to know who said that it was?
- c. When things do not turn out the way we wanted them to, we want to say, “God, that is not fair!”
- d. When bad things happen, we want to know why and who to blame.
- e. There are three things to keep in mind:
 - i. God does not cause bad things to happen to us.
 - ii. God has compassion for us, even in our bad decisions. - **Matthew 23:37 ... Matthew 9:37**
 - iii. God is not fair, but I am so glad that He is not! – **Psalms 103:10-12**

2. Someone who Believes in God, but will not forgive:

- a. The Christian Atheist believes that there are exceptions to the rule.
- b. **Hebrews 12:15**
- c. Three things that will help us stop living unbiblical lives out of anger:
 - i. We have got to kill the root – **Ephesians 4:31-32**
 - ii. Ask God to move you – **Luke 6:28 ... Matthew 5:43-44**
 - iii. Forgive – **Colossians 3:13**