

# The Christian Atheist

## *Seriously...God, I Will Later!*

Matthew 28:18-20

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### Introduction

- What are things to look for in a Christian Atheist? We have covered ten 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.
    - When you believe in God, but you don't think He is fair.
    - When you believe in God, but you refuse to forgive others.
    - When you believe in God, but do not think you can change.
    - When you believe in God, but you still worry all the time.
    - When you believe in God, but chase after happiness no matter the cost.
    - When you believe in God, but trust more in money than in Jesus.
  - Seriously God, I Will Later!
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  - The Christian Atheist is:
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### 1. Someone who Believes in God, but will not share their faith:

- a. The bottom line when it comes to sharing the gospel is this: Many Christians have lost the urgency of the message.
- b. Many Christians do not really understand Hell.
- c. **Matthew 5:29**
- d. Hell is referred to as: a fiery furnace ... a place of burning sulfur ... outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- e. Many Christians do not understand Heaven either.
- f. **Psalms 84:10**
- g. The apostle John writes about Heaven – Revelation 21 –
- h. If eternity were in the forefront of our minds, we would be praying for those who have no relationship with Jesus.
- i. Many tend to believe that Heaven is the default destination of those who die, when the opposite is true.
- j. **Matthew 7:13-14**

- k. Why is it that only few find it? – There are a few reasons:
  - i. Very few look for it:
  - ii. People will believe anything other than Christianity:
  - iii. Christians are not prepared to share:
- l. A few things to keep in mind when it comes to sharing your faith:
  - i. Always be ready: **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15**
  - ii. Invite people:
  - iii. Share your story:
  - iv. Be bold with the Truth:

## 2. Someone who Believes in God, but not in His church:

- a. We live in a 24/7 – 365 society, where nothing is sacred anymore.
- b. Think back 40-50 years ago ... Sunday was worship, family time, rest and catching up with one another.
- c. Today – Sunday is just as fast paced as any other day – Church has become low priority or something you do when there is nothing else to do ... Other reasons:
  - i. Too many hypocrites:
  - ii. Talk about money too much:
  - iii. When I go to church, I feel bad about how I live:
  - iv. Super Spiritual – They are looking for the perfect church.
- d. There are a couple of ways for the world to see the church differently:
  - i. Don't just go to church – Be the church! – **Matthew 22:36-40 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12 ... Ephesians 3:20**
  - ii. We must change our commitment level – **Acts 2:42**
- e. When we work together as a family, we will accomplish two things:
  - i. We offer a place to belong – **Hebrews 10:24-25**
  - ii. A place to believe –
- f. Finally, know this about the church:
  - i. It is a place filled with broken people -