

# Welcome to Our Website

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Thank you for visiting our website, [Why Believe in Christ.com](http://Why Believe in Christ.com). Our intention in creating the website is to give you, a seeker of the truth about Jesus Christ, enough information so that you can make an informed decision on whether you want to have a relationship with Him, and if you choose to, how to build that relationship. If you don't have a relationship with Christ, we hope our information leads you to having one. If you are on the fence, we hope our information motivates you toward having a new life in Christ. If you already have a relationship with Christ, we think our information will enhance and deepen that relationship.

Our website contains PDF documents that explain the essential "themes" of Christianity and why it is literally lifesaving to have a vital relationship with Christ. The website also contains links to videos and further readings that provide more in-depth information on the key subjects discussed in our PDF documents.

There is something we think you should know right up front. To us, there are two "types" of Christianity: (1) Biblical Christianity, or true Christianity, which is based solely on the Bible, and (2) Non-Biblical Christianity, which is Christianity in name only, and which, in addition to the Bible, includes influences from human wisdom that are clearly not found in the Bible. In many cases, Non-biblical Christianity includes influences which actually contradict the Bible. We strictly adhere to the principles and teachings of true, Biblical Christianity.

We also believe that Biblical Christianity is neither an "organized religion" nor a "uniform organization of churches." Such entities can be monolithic, too complex, and often overly authoritarian. Jesus Christ was, and continues to be, none of these. We think you will discover that while His teachings are soul altering, they are still built around simplicity, humility, common sense, and one common theme - love. That the most important man to ever walk the Earth would promote humility and ask us to be guided by love, gives us a brief glimpse of just how special this man was – and still is.

Biblical Christianity is about following Christ and having fellowship with other believers. It consists of people who share common beliefs, the principal one being that Christ loves all of us and wants us to have peace, joy, and love in our lives – now and in the hereafter. We believe the Bible is the inerrant and occasionally metaphorical word of God, spoken by God, through His Holy Spirit, to His many chosen authors. True Christians worship God and His only begotten Son and no one else. Our documents and links explain these beliefs in detail and why you can count on them to be reliable.

As you begin to learn about the themes of Biblical Christianity – themes that we hope will lead you to wanting a relationship with Christ – you will quickly find they center around nine key components:

1. God
2. The Holy Spirit
3. Jesus Christ & His Teachings
4. The Bible
5. Jesus' 12 Disciples/Apostles
6. Humanity
7. Satan
8. The Physical Realm, and
9. The Spiritual Realm

Given the distinct possibility that, at this moment, you may strongly believe in only two of these components [Humanity and the Physical Realm], we struggled with which component to cover first after we provided brief explanations of what you can gain from believing in Christ, and where you should start in your exploration of a possible relationship with Him.

It's like the chicken and the egg dilemma. Biblical Christians believe God is the Creator and the Bible is God's inerrant and occasionally metaphorical Word. You would think that explaining God would be the priority. But guess what? How do we know God is the Creator and that the Bible is the Word of God? The Bible tells us so. So wouldn't that mean we should first prove the Bible trustworthy? We thought so too.

Our reason for choosing to first prove the Bible trustworthy is simple. If you are not convinced that you can trust the Bible, then pretty much all the information that stems from the Bible -- and from which most of our documents are constructed -- will be suspect. We want you to be clear on what you can count on as being reliable and evidence-based and what, on the other hand, you will simply need to have faith in. We think knowing the difference is important.

We know that if we can present a compelling case for why you can trust the Bible, you will be in for a world of joy and relief once you understand all that the Bible covers and offers to you. The Bible is your guide to an amazing life. Its teachings are as true today as they were thousands of years ago.

We also think that after learning what is in the Bible, and how all the themes of Biblical Christianity fit together, you will find that having a vital relationship with Christ is the greatest gift you could ever receive.

**NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, when we quote Scripture from the Bible, we use the NASB 2000 Updated Edition version, and whenever God or Christ speaks, Their words are highlighted in red.**

## **The Structure of Our Website**

In addition to the traditional page navigation bar at the top of each webpage, the [Why Believe in Christ.com](http://Why Believe in Christ.com) Home Page contains two links that will take you to our various website subpages and their applicable PDFs:

- Main Menu:** Contains links to our website pages that contain our PDF documents
- About Us:** Contains information about our authors and editors and how to contact us

### **Main Menu**

The **Main Menu** webpage contains links to our six website subpages and is accessible from both the Home page, About Us page, and each of the six website subpages. Our six website subpages are shown below in bold green text, and each one lists its applicable PDF documents. Clicking on a PDF document title from a website subpage will display that PDF document for viewing. You can also download and/or print each PDF document for offline reading. NOTE: Each PDF document is copyright protected and encrypted so editing is not allowed.

#### **1. Start Here ▶**

- Introduction
- Welcome to Our Website [this PDF document]
- What Can I Gain from Believing in Christ?
- Top 10 Reasons for Believing in Christ
- What Does Being Christ-like Look Like?
- Where Do I Start?

#### **2. Laying a Foundation ▶**

- Structure of the Bible
- Historical Timeline with Key Biblical Events
- Can I Trust the Bible?
- Who Are the Important Characters?
- Why Is Jesus Christ the Main Character?
- Biblical Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

#### **3. Critical Things to Know ▶**

- How Do Your Current Beliefs Align with Believing in Christ?
- Who Do You Think Is in Control?
- What Is Fruit of the Holy Spirit?
- What Is Required to Have Fruit of the Holy Spirit?
- What Leads to Our Salvation?

#### **4. Controversies ▶**

- Why Just Being a Good Person Won't Get Us into Heaven
- Why Are Some Religions *Potentially* Dangerous?
- Where Are Heaven and Hell?
- Scripture and Science – How Well Do They Relate?
- God's Will vs Free Will – Can I Still Be Me?
- Giving Money to Your Church – Is It Mandatory?

#### **5. Putting It All Together ▶**

- Major Themes in Christianity
- Christ's Commandments
- Favorite Scripture Verses
- Ways to Glorify God
- How to Turn Beliefs into Behaviors
- Next Steps

## 6. Final Thoughts and Further Explorations

- Summary
- FAQs
- Recommended Sermons and Videos
- Recommended Further Reading

### **About Us**

The About Us webpage gives information about the key people involved in writing and editing our website PDF documents and lists the Bibles used in quoting the Scriptures found in our PDF documents.