

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, September 11, 2016

Sermon Series: Christian Atheism

Key Passage: Multiple Passages

Pastor - Mark Saunders



Believe But Do Not Know

The Christian Atheist

“A Christian atheist is someone who believes in God but lives as though he doesn’t exist.” Craig Groeschel

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3 ESV)

3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:3-6 ESV)

A. Some know of God, but don’t *really* know Him - they’re just fans.

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work. (Titus 1:10:16 ESV)

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ (Matthew 7:21-23 ESV)

B. Some believe in God, but they aren’t yet in the game with Him.

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? (Galatians 4:8-9 ESV)

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C. Some know God and daily seek to be in the game with Him.

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (optimism), the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.
(Ephesians 1:17-19 NIV)

10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. (Psalms 9:10 ESV)