

# Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, October 2, 2016

Sermon Series: Christian Atheism

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## Believe But Don't Trust

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

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:5-8 ESV)

**Faith and reason must overcome our senses and emotions if we are to trust God.**

37 Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? 38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? (Lamentations 3:37-38 ESV)

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17 ESV)

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35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" (Daniel 4:34-35 ESV)

**So what does the Bible tell us about trusting God?**

**A. We can trust God because He is completely sovereign.**

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**Providence is**

**“The unceasing activity of the Creator whereby, in overflowing bounty and goodwill, He upholds His creatures in ordered existence, guides and governs all events, circumstances, and free acts of angels and men, and directs everything to its appointed goal, for His own glory.”**  
**- J.I. Packer**

**B. We can trust God because He is infinite in His wisdom.**

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.  
(Romans 11:33-36 ESV)

**C. We can trust God because He is perfect in His love.**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35; 37-39 ESV)

