

# How Does Belief In The Christian God Change How We Live?

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*What do we believe about God?*

**Transcendent**- not bound by time or space

**Infinite**- that means he cannot grow more

**Eternal**- his existence is without beginning or end

**Immutable**- never changes

**Omnipotent**- all powerful

**Omnipresent**- present everywhere

**Omniscient**- all knowing

**Absolute Goodness**- He is totally holy.

**Personal & Loving**- He desires a relationship with us

*What evidence is there for the Christian God?*

**The Cosmological Argument evidence:**

- Anything that begins to exist has a cause.
- The universe (including matter, energy, space, and time) began to exist.
- Therefore, the universe has a cause.

**Evidence from the design of the universe- the Teleological Argument for God**

**Moral argument:**

- If objective moral values exist, God must exist.
- Objective moral values exist.
- Therefore, God must exist.

*So What? What difference does it make that God Exists?*

**No God, no design**

**No God, no value**

**No God, no ultimate purpose or direction for your life**

**No God, no meaning**

**No God, no morals**

**No God, no future**

*How does belief in the Christian God change the way we live?*

**1. If God is holy, absolute goodness, then we can adopt his moral code as our own and live out his moral character**

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Galatians 5:22-23

**2. If God is omnipresent and there is nowhere to escape his presence... then he, by definition, shows up everywhere, in culture, in life. We can live in expectation of his showing up... anywhere.**

- Acts 17:16 and following

**3. If God is the designer and has given value, meaning and purpose to all of life, then we can discover and live out our God-given purposes.**

- Psalm 139

**4. If God desires a loving relationship with each of us, his creation, then we can make the choice to accept his love and live in relationship with him every day.** And since his character never changes, I can trust his love no matter what.

Ephesians 1: 3-5

*“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing... Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do and it gave him great pleasure!”*

*“God is love,” John says, “and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect” (1 John 4:16-17).*

“Because we believe the truth that a personal God exists and created us in his image, we can enjoy the benefits of his creation, especially loving relationships. Our ethics, morals, social and civic responsibilities, and the capacity to love and be loved come from the fact we were made in God’s relational image. We find our true identity in our Creator. And as we live out who we are within the context of God’s image and likeness of love, it brings pleasure to him and purpose, meaning, and joy to us.”

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