



Sermon Series: Why I believe part 1

Sermon Title: Why I believe... in God

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Hebrews 11:6

Big Idea: God desires your faith; not your defense.

He has already revealed Himself in many WAYS

General Creation: the heavens, earth, creatures

Romans 1:19-20

God is not an event, He is a person. The lasting effect of a person is in what they have done and who they have affected. Recognize the person, the creator and the rest of creation will point to him. God and Science are not at odds; GOD is who every scientist is searching for even if they don't know it.

If you are a scientifically inclined skeptic – begin studying Intelligent Design - The theory of intelligent design holds that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause...

For believers, Scripture informs us that all CREATION points to God. Even the qualities of God that are not able to be observed with the eye: His forever power and his divinity. Everything we can understand about God is seen in what He has created. The cycle of the seasons, the variety in creation, the laws of physics and motion, and the irreducible complexity of creation; no matter how much we discover, there's always more to find. All this is part of his plan to reveal himself to us. God made it plain; So we are without excuse.

Imprint on Humanity:

If we look at one specific part of God's creation – you and me, and all humanity, we see God is revealing himself to generation upon generations.
(Acts 17:26-28)

We start with Adam – the first human created by God. From that one man and his wife, Eve, comes forth every group of people, every nation that has ever

existed or will exist. As they rise and fall, all happen according to God's plan to make himself accessible.

Change will come, and every time there is a major change – people instinctively reach out for God. Some find Him through life events, some reject him through life events. God's PLAN moves forward through time, population and geography, so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him. Through triumph and tragedy – God want's you to know Him, trust Him, and have complete faith in Him!

Direct Revelation

Isaiah 65:1

You know the truth – God reveals himself:
Through the Law
Through the Prophets
Through the New Testament
and Through Jesus.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Jesus came to offer the one and only sacrifice to pay for your sin. Jesus came to give you life!

Faith in God is gifted by God to YOU.

Choosing UNBELIEF is the ACTIVE rebellious choice; the choice that takes great effort and coordination.

The truth is:
Trying to prove God's existence is the way Satan will distract a person from faith.

The Bible doesn't DEFEND GOD – The Scriptures presume His existence.

Trying to prove God is a distraction from the truth:

God is the great I AM
– Yahweh

- the eternal one, without beginning and without end.
- The creator and author of all things visible and invisible.
- The one who reveals Himself to us and about his existence.
- Leaving it to you to either BELIEVE or continue in UNBELIEF.

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **When all people stand before God they will be found to be without excuse for believing in God. Why?**
- **Explain the difference between someone who wants to be seen as a true atheist who refuses to believe in the existence of God and someone who suppresses his belief in God.**
- **What would you say to someone who claims science disproves God's existence? If you know of some, share evidence from nature that points to order and design.**
- **What are some of the reasons that you (or someone that you know) chooses to believe in God or not to believe in God?**