

WHY

I BELIEVE

?

GOD OF THE BIBLE | PASTOR STEVE STEELE | SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

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“ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

²¹ Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.”

ROMANS 1:20-23 (NLT)

“ This is what the Lord says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven's Armies:

'I am the First and the Last; there is no other God. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him step forward and prove to you his power. Let him do as I have done since ancient times when I established a people and explained its future. ⁸ Do not tremble; do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim my purposes for you long ago? You are my witnesses—is there any other God? No! There is no other Rock—not one!' ”

ISAIAH 44:6-8 (NLT)

“ Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' ”

JOHN 14:6 (NLT)

AREN'T ALL RELIGIONS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME?

Theism – God _____ .

Pantheism – God _____ .

Atheism – No God _____ .

All Religions are _____ .

DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHAT A PERSON BELIEVES AS LONG AS THEY ARE SINCERE AND PRACTICE THOSE BELIEFS?

“ You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”

MATTHEW 7:13-14 (NLT)

REASONS WHY I BELIEVE
IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE...

You can be _____ .

It's _____ .

“ Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. ² They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. ³ Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴ so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.”

LUKE 1:1-4 (NLT)

It Answers the _____ .

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL AND JUSTICE

“ When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. ”

THE ENIGMA OF MAN

ROMANS 5:12 (NLT)

“ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

ROMANS 7:21-25A (NLT)

It changed _____ .

It just _____ .

“ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

JOHN 13:34-35 (NLT)

It changes _____ .

“ I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, ¹³ even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.”

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-14 (NLT)

SO WHAT ?

It’s _____ .

“ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NLT)

Christianity: God _____ , We _____ , Jesus _____ .

“ For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

JOHN 3:16-17 (NLT)

DISCUSSION Questions:

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- 1- Why is it so important to know “Why we believe?”
- 2- What experiences or conversations have you had with people of other faith backgrounds? How did you feel afterward?
- 3- Which of the reasons to believe speak to you most? Why?
- 4- How have you seen people changed by the God of the Bible? How has he changed you?

- 5- Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Grace is the primary difference between other religions and Christianity. How do you react to these verses? Why would people struggle with Grace?
- 6- What keeps you from believing fully in the God of the bible? (Intellectual issues, Pride, a Moral problem?) What are you going to do about it?

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