



Doubting God Part 3

Why Do Christians Let Us Down?

Some of Jesus' strongest words were directed at those who claimed to believe in God and follow His law, and yet denied Him by the way they lived.

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. 28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness. Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell? - Matt 23:27-28,33 NLT

Hypocrite = Greek *hypokrites* - an actor, a stage player

Jesus wasn't calling out their sin, he was calling out their show.

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1. Because some aren't really Christians.

Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.' - Matthew 7:21-23 NLT

2. Because some are immature Christians.

You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. 13 For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. 14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. - Hebrews 5:12-14 NLT

3. Because even mature Christians still mess up

For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. - Psalm 103:14

How do you heal when Christians let you down?

So the Lord's message spread throughout that region. 50 Then the Jews stirred up the influential religious women and the leaders of the city, and they incited a mob against Paul and Barnabas and ran them out of town. 51 So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. 52 And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. - Acts 13:49-52 NLT

Shake it off and move on!

Remember,...

- They're made of the same mud you are!
- It wasn't the whole church; it was a few people!
- It was people who let you down, not God!

If you have lost faith in Jesus because of people, maybe your faith is in people instead of Jesus.

TALK IT OVER

- Read Psalm 103:14. What might change about your response to people who let you down if you remembered they were only dust?
- Have you been disappointed by church or other Christians? If so, share what you learned from that experience. How can you take a step toward healing?
- Are there any areas in your life where you're being hypocritical or judgmental? How could embracing God's grace help you have a more loving response?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Doubting God](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery for children up to age 4 on weeks 2, 3 & 4; KidZone for ages 5-11.
- **Girl's Ministry** for grades K-6 *on Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM.*
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade *Wednesdays @ 7 PM.*
- **Easter Service** March 31st @ 10 AM. He's alive! Come celebrate with us!
- **Teen Girls Retreat** April 13, 10 AM to 2 PM. See Sharee for more info!


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