

Grace Bible Church
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"No God" - Psalm 14



INTRODUCTION

1. THE DEFIANT HEART IN FOOLS.

"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1a

Practical Atheist: Someone who **BELIEVES** in God but **LIVES** as if He doesn't exist.

1 Samuel 25:2-3, 9-10, 7-38

'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' Psalm 111:10a

2. THE DEPRAVED LIFE OF FOOLS.

"They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good." Psalm 14:1b

Romans 1:18-21; Romans 1:24-25, 31

3. THE DISTURBING REVELATION ABOUT FOOLS.

“The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.” Psalm 14:2-3

○ Every person is either a CURRENT or FORMER fool.

1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 5:8

4. THE DIVINE HOPE FOR FOOLS.

“Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord? There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.” Psalm 14:4-7

✠ When It Comes to My Sinful Nature...

○ Only Jesus can TRANSFORM it.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood.” Romans 3:23-25a

○ The Holy Spirit indwells me continually to DEFEAT it.

“So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Romans 8:12-13

○ In Heaven I’ll be FREE of it.

“...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:52