

WHY BELIEVE CHRISTIANITY

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With hopefully the coming of summer I am beginning to think in terms of charts and teaching themes that I can use in classes and camps. I see a real need for we believers to know why we believe as we do. Is our faith something just handed down from our parents? Are we just subscribing to spiritual truths that seem likely or have we sought out our faith and nailed it down with clear understanding? By what clear reasoning have we arrived at the tenants of our Christian Faith? Here are a few reasons to believe. There is first the **PROVEN, PERFECT LIFE OF CHRIST**. Those disciples that followed Him and hung on His every word knew Him to have a blameless life. His words rang with authority and caused them to conclude "We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" John 6:69. Their close fellowship brought them to this way of belief and the same is open to any believer who walks with Him in the Word. Follow that with **THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE**. It is the most trusted, tested, and used book ever to be written. It's claims have never failed. It is without error because "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God" II Tim. 3:16. In 55 years of preaching I have never found anything to doubt or any scripture that did not provide what it offered. I believe it to be the same as the voice of God. He speaks and His words are always true for He cannot lie. I further love the **FOUNDATION OF IT'S CLAIMS**. Those who saw Him die, risked their lives to be sure we would know they had seen and walked and talked with Him, after the resurrection. In or out of prison, the message was the same "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus" Acts 5:30. For over 40 days, seen by many and felt by Thomas; Jesus left much proof of His bodily resurrection and ascension. I further joy in HIS

POWER TO SAVE AND TRANSFORM LIVES. My faith is made strong in the seeing of tens of thousands that have been changed and saved in our own meetings. From Paul, killer of Christians and one of the disciples worst enemies, until the present; Jesus has proven He can "save to the uttermost" Heb. 7:25. Many people attempt religious changes, but, only Jesus saves and keeps and satisfies. How could one doubt when present reality shines on every hand. I further am strengthened by **CHRISTIANITY'S IMPACT ON SOCIETY**. Everything decent in our great world owes it's start to the faultless values of Christianity. Social morality, the desire to succeed, family values and the desire to live, all come because of Christianity. Every calendar points to the day of the birth of the Son of God. Everything high, holy and noble can be ascribed to God the Father and His Son. Never forget that **GOD CALLED IT LIKE IT IS**. He certainly revealed the center of the problem when He said "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Rom3:23. Man has utterly failed to climb the ladder of human achievement, exactly as Christianity predicted. Human nature cannot bypass the sin of the heart, but Christianity offers the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ. One might say "where the rubber meets the road." Only Christianity reveals mans plight and offers a guaranteed solution to all who will believe. Lastly, Christianity offers **SALVATION FULL AND FREE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE**. Our Christian faith is the only one to do this. It not only offers forgiveness for sin, but adoption into the family of God. It gives a reason for living and prepares for dying. It offers a home in Heaven and a joyful eternity, living with God. Mans religious ideas crumble with the dust of the ages. Christianity looks into eternity to a perfect city "whose builder and maker is God" Heb. 11:10. We have many other reasons to believe in the Christian faith but the ones I have given are well worth noting. Praise God!