

## 10 Common Objections to Christianity

### Question #1:

Does what I believe matter?

### Our Findings:

There is an assumption today that beliefs don't matter. "You get out of life what you put into it. You create your own happiness." The world is constantly bombarding us with "desire inducing ads" (thank you Fr. Chip) in an attempt to influence our thinking on what we think we want and need. Our beliefs, both conscious and unconscious, affect our choices and the decisions we make in our daily lives. We must know what we think and be on guard against attack!

We each thought about what one to two scripture verses answered the question of what we believe. We've included why we think its important in bold type. These are good references to hide in our hearts to call upon when our beliefs are under attack!

### DONNIE

#### **Oppressed have a refuge in the Lord**

**Ps. 9:9-10** The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, A stronghold in times of trouble; And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

#### **Verse 30 makes verse 31 mean more**

**Is. 40:30-31** Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

#### **Promise that the Gospel will change us**

**Heb. 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### AUSTIN

#### **God is happy when the lost repent**

**Lk. 15:10** "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

#### **A simplified version of how to live**

**Rm. 12:12** rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

### JENNIFER D.

#### **He is a God of promises**

**Gen. 8:22** "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."

### ALEX

**David has seen a lot & can still say "God is going to take care of us."**

**Ps. 37:25** I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants begging bread.

**There's no need to worry about petty details**

Lk. 12:22-26 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?"

**We don't just conquer we "beast" it**

**Rm. 8:37-39** But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**JENEKE**

**God is the Creator of everything!**

**Gen. 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Sums up the New Testament**

**Jn. 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

**A day will come-- don't procrastinate!**

**Rev. 22:12** "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."

**ROBERT**

**God has a plan already set out for each of us**

**Jer. 29:11** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

**You just have to know it!**

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**Sums up what we're suppose to do-- love God & neighbor**

**1 Jn. 4:7-8** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**ROB**

**This is why we are doing this exercise**

**1 Pet. 3:15** But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

**God listens to us when we call upon Him**

**Jer. 33:2-3** 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

**Christ's mission statement**

**Lk. 4:18-19** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

**JENNIFER G.**

**Eternal life is for today-- not just when we die**

**Jn. 17:3** "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."