

TEN REASONS TO BELIEVE IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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1. **THE CREDIBILITY OF ITS FOUNDER.** Jesus' followers saw His blameless life, listened to His peerless teaching, and concluded, "*We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" (John 6:69)
2. **THE RELIABILITY OF ITS BOOK.** The Bible's historical record is supported by archeology. Its preservation from textual corruption has been confirmed by the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls.
3. **ITS EXPLANATION FOR LIFE.** Christ reveals a God who cares as much about His creation as the design and detail of the natural world indicates. (Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:16-25)
4. **ITS CONTINUITY WITH THE PAST.** Those who trust Christ are accepting the same Lord worshipped by Adam, Abraham, Jacob, Sarah, David, and Solomon.
5. **ITS FOUNDATIONAL CLAIM.** The first Christians risked their lives to tell the world that they had seen Jesus die and then miraculously walk among them 3 days later. (Acts 5:17-42)
6. **ITS POWER TO CHANGE LIVES.** Paul, one of the worst enemies of the first disciples, was transformed from a killer of Christians into one of their chief advocates. (Galatians 1:11-24)
7. **ITS ANALYSIS OF HUMAN NATURE.** Many want to believe that our problems are rooted in ignorance, poverty, and bad government. But Jesus pointed to sin in the heart as the source of all evil. (Matthew 15:19-20)
8. **ITS VIEW OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.** In spite of mankind's high hopes and efforts, the world is approaching a terrible end-time predicted by the Bible. (Matthew 24:5-31; 2 Timothy 3:1-5)
9. **ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY.** Calendars bear silent witness to Jesus' birth. Basic Christian values have been foundational to social morality, work ethic and social relief efforts.
10. **ITS OFFER OF SALVATION.** The Christian faith offers forgiveness and adoption into the family of God by trusting Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-13) Christ asks us to follow Him – not in order to merit

salvation but as an expression of gratitude, love, and confidence in the One who has saved us from our sins.