

How To Be A Christian Without Being Religious

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why should one be a christian is there something more to being a christian than to being human just what does it mean to be a christian especially in today s modern world hans küng one of the greatest theologians

of this century ponders these questions and from a lifetime of study suggests the answers he looks carefully at the evidence in the bible at the challenges of modern humanisms and of the world religions at the questions concerning death at the local and the universal church at the individual's own personal decisions and at the freedom that christianity brings including the freedom to serve on being a christian is a vital and important statement about what it means to be a christian hans küng has himself said of the book which he regards as his magnum opus that it intends to clarify and challenge christian faith and life at a time when the churches have unfortunately lost rather than gained in credibility it seeks to bring to light for this present time the original christian message and particularly the figure of jesus of nazareth the book continues to offer a strong message to today's christians as küng says in the closing of the book by following jesus christ people in the world today can live act suffer and die in a truly human way in happiness and unhappiness life and death sustained by god and helpful to fellow men and women

presents three sermons on how to live as a christian in the modern secular world discussing the true meaning of love for god and for one's neighbor and the importance of faith both for oneself and as a witness to others

reprint of the original first published in 1876

what does it mean to be a christian the gospel of jesus christ is the best news in history but we often live as though it has minimal impact on our lives being a christian isn't just about sunday mornings small groups and studying the bible the good news is that jesus redeems everything in the bible we read story after story of people meeting god and walking away completely changed the same is true for christians today being a christian by dr jason allen shows how jesus redeems all of life useful for new and mature believers small group and personal study being a christian walks readers through the gospel's impact on all facets of life from your relationships to your resources from your work to your rest from your past to your future

to be a christian by j i packer and lane dennis what does it mean to be a christian what is essential for christian faith and life how can we know jesus christ and experience the full love of god through him how can you become a child of god anchored in the full reality of unquenchable joy beginning in this life and ever increasing in the life to come it is possible to know about these things however without actually

knowing them personally in one's life in order not to miss what God is offering you it is imperative that you receive Jesus Christ as your own savior and Lord if you have not already done so and commit yourself to him to be his life long disciple there is no more important thing in life that you could ever do both for the sake of this life and immeasurably more for the life to come and when you have received Jesus Christ as your own savior and Lord to know that you have done it so that you can go on from there knowing the fullness of joy as a child of God both now and forever to be a Christian is a lifelong personal commitment to Jesus Christ but it begins with becoming a Christian in a deliberate conscious way much like being a spouse begins with taking marriage vows being a Christian is a process of advance from that point as you continue with Christ with his Father as your heavenly Father his Holy Spirit as your helper and guide and his church as your new family you will constantly be led deeper into your born again calling of worship service and Christ like relationships you need to know from the beginning that God creates human beings for the purpose of knowing him loving him and enjoying a deep friendship with him but no one naturally fulfills this purpose we are all out of step with God in the words of the Bible we are sinners guilty before God and separated from him Romans 3:23 life in Christ is first and foremost God's taking living action to remedy our dire situation Romans 5:8 the key facts of this divine remedy which the Bible calls the Gospel meaning good news are these 1 God the Father sent his eternal Son into this world to reconcile us sinners to himself and to preserve and prepare us for his glory in the life to come 2 Born of the virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit God's Son whose human name is Jesus lived a perfect life died a criminal's death as a sacrifice for your sins and rose again from the grave to rule as Christ meaning the anointed one reigning on his Father's behalf in the kingdom of God 3 reigning now in heaven Jesus continues to draw sinners to himself through the communication of the Gospel here on earth 4 by the Holy Spirit God enables us to turn wholeheartedly from our sinful and self centered ways repentance and to entrust ourselves to him to live in union and communion with God faith our natural condition could not be more desperate and urgent in spiritual terms our sin and self centeredness is the way of death and fellowship with Christ is the way of life now and forever as the apostle Peter said when he proclaimed the Gospel on Pentecost morning repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit for the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself Acts 2:38-39 God the Father calls us to himself through his Son Jesus said I am the way and the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me John 4:16 as we

come to the father through jesus christ his son we experience and know and grow in the unconditional and transforming love of god god the son calls us to believe in him we may understand a great deal about jesus but that is not the same as personally believing in jesus as our lord and savior we can attend church services and do many good things without knowing the risen jesus knowing jesus as savior and lord means personally believing in him surrendering our lives to him and living as his joyful followers god the holy spirit enlightens our minds and hearts to believe in jesus giving us spiritual birth and life as we believe and trust in him our loving father will give the holy spirit to those who ask him luke 11 13 as we place our faith in jesus the holy spirit comes to live in us and wonderfully provides us with the power and gifts for life and ministry as jesus disciples to live faithfully as christians we must rely upon the equipping and enabling power of the holy spirit in a way beyond our grasp the father the son and the holy spirit are revealed as equally one god and three persons the father the son and the holy spirit are near to us at all times and will hear us whenever we pray with sincerity truly meaning what we say god calls us to enter into continual repentance and faith in christ and the way to enter into life in christ today and forever is to pray a prayer like this preferably in the presence of a mature christian lord jesus christ i confess my faults shortcomings sins and rebellious acts and ask you to forgive me i embrace you lord jesus as my savior and lord thank you for your atoning death on the cross in obedience to your father s will to wash away my sins i enthrone you lord jesus to be in charge of every part of my life and i ask you to indwell and empower me with your holy spirit so that i may live as your faithful follower from now on in this life and forever with you in heaven in jesus name i pray these words with all my heart and soul amen if you have prayed the prayer above to be a christian we would encourage you to visit the goodnews.org website where you can read the bible free and find many helpful materials for your new life as a christian excerpted from *to be a christian* an anglican catechism used by permission of the anglican church in north america

joseph ratzinger now pope benedict xvi writes eloquently and persuasively about how one can live as a serious christian in today s secular world he talks in depth about the true meaning of faith hope and love the love of god and the love of neighbor he also discusses at length the crucial importance of a lived faith for the believer himself as well as being a witness for our age and striving to bring faith in line with the present age that has veered off into rampant secularism and materialism he passionately encourages the reader to practice a deep abiding christian faith that seeks to be at the service of humanity as joseph ratzinger mentions in the preface the book presents in written form three sermons that the author

preached in the cathedral at muenster to a congregation from the catholic student chaplaincy december 13 15 1964 in other words these are essays derived from sermons preached to college students toward the end of vatican ii they are remarkable among other reasons for their insights into the ongoing christian struggle to understand and realize in action what it means to be a christian contents first sermon are we saved or job talks with god christianity as advent the unfulfilled promise are we saved the hidden god second sermon faith as service the salvation of christians and the salvation of the world god becomes man man becomes christlike the meaning of salvation history third sermon above all love love is enough why do we need faith the law of superabundance faith hope and love in our generation the christian faith finds itself in a much deeper crisis than at any other time in the past in this situation it is no solution to shut our eyes in fear in the face of pressing problems or to simply pass over them if faith is to survive this age then it must be lived and above all lived in this age and this is possible only if a manifestation of faith is shown to have value for our present day by growing to knowledge and fulfillment pope benedict xvi from the introduction learn more about pope benedict visit the

bledsoe offers a comprehensive and compelling case for christianity extensive intense and scholarly the text contains more than 1 400 bible and 235 other references social issues

pastor and author martin thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe and ten things they don t in order to be a christian this lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with with an accessible storytelling style that s grounded in solid biblical scholarship thielen shows how christians don t need to believe that sinners will be left behind to burn in hell or that it s heresy to believe in evolution and while we must always take the bible seriously we don t always have to take it literally at the same time christians do need to believe in jesus his life his teachings his death and resurrection and his vision for the world a great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life s most profound questions including where is god what matters most what brings fulfillment what about suffering is there hope thielen articulates centrist mainline christianity in a way that s fresh and easy to understand and offers authentic christian insights that speak to our deepest needs this new edition includes a leader s guide previously only available online and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book s reception the leader s guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven week

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dr andrew james isaac is an ordained minister in the wesleyan church for 47 years he describes himself as a pastor teacher he has an insatiable passion to preach the word of god he is a gifted bible expositor and has developed unusual skills in teaching the word god has given him the anointed ability to expound the word with precision exactness and accuracy he has conducted preaching and teaching seminars in oregon washington state california phoenix arizona barbados st kitts the us virgin islands trinidad and tobago and ontario canada he is a graduate of caribbean wesleyan college in barbados now in jamaica warner pacific college in portland oregon western conservative baptist seminary now western seminary western evangelical seminary now george fox university in oregon he is married to the former glendene villetta branch from barbados he has two sons andrew jr a minister in his church and also works for the irs in portland oregon peter is a full time wesleyan minister in the hartford wesleyan church connecticut now that i m a christian an outlined biblical study for new and old christians is a study manual with sixteen study units each study unit is followed by questions for class or individual discussions the study manual is primarily written with new christians in mind and which will be a continued intellectual and spiritual exercise for older believers the study manual is fully outlined for quick comprehension its doctrinal topics are explained with biblical clarity accuracy and conciseness no special knowledge is required to understand these lessons all terms are explained in simple language without being over simplistic many churches will find in this teaching manual an educational personal and spiritual resource for growing in grace and in the

knowledge of our lord and savior jesus christ

in our microwave culture it is difficult to navigate these troubled times without incurring a i want it now mentality this perspective often has crept into many a church circles seeking to try and build with man made ideas rather than on the truths of god s word with this attitude church overseers can fall into the decisionism trap ending up with false converts god has a way of weeding out the good fish from the bad fish and often times it is through the sunlight of tribulation when one examines him or herself he or she can often be deceived however when persecutions come it really conveys to the born again believer if they are genuine or not tribulation can in fact be a christians best friend if indeed it points one to the cross and produce in one an aim of self denial and seeking whole heartedly after christ jesus the only advocate with father god

what is christianity all about is it a path to becoming a happy and good person a set of rules to follow or a list of religious beliefs and rituals is it about how we make the world a better place in this life or a way to go to heaven in the next what about the christian life what does it mean to live like a christian and what about church what is that all about and why does it matter this book answers those questions by exploring the basics of the christian faith it covers three main topics salvation the christian life and the church on the way it reviews fundamentals like the trinity the bible sin the holy spirit freedom love and the relationship between the church and the world this book is intended for new believers or those exploring christianity for the first time it has been written to be as clear and concise as possible without church speak or religious jargon if you re a christian this book will help you see how different pieces of christianity fit together into a unified whole if you re not a christian my hope is that this book will aid you as you pursue the truth

it is not always a comfortable position to question the position of a good majority however it is known that the majority can sometimes be wrong or see things differently it takes courage and a particularly critical mind to question the depth of the christian faith in a land seen as the future of christianity in africa as a priest with some pastoral experience both in africa and in europe the author is at home with the subject matter in this book he accepts the fact of the growing numbers in the churches but questions the depth of conviction in the face of the problems arising from the clash of values between christian faith and igbo traditional religion he maintains that if god saw enough reasons to create men differently and revealed

himself differently to them he god accepts that men have different understandings of his relationship with them and that they may relate with him using what is available to them their culture and tradition

god tells us in isaiah that his thoughts are not our thoughts and our ways are not his ways if we want to know his thoughts and his ways we have to study his word paul wanted the early church to have all the knowledge they would need to live the victorious christian life in his letter to the ephesians he gives them and us instruction in how to apply god s word to every area of life he taught them what it means to be a christian what it means to be a christian is a 12 week bible study from the book of ephesians written specifically with women in mind in this study you will discover who you are in christ who christ is in you and how you can live the victorious christian life

this book first published in 2000 adopts a balanced perspective on the subject to offer a serious examination of both darwinism and christianity he covers a wide range of topics from the scopes monkey trial to claims about the religious significance of extraterrestrials he deals with major figures in the current science religion debate and considers in detail the claims of the new creationism revealing some surprising parallels between darwinian materialists and traditional thinkers such as st augustine michael ruse argues that although it is at times difficult for a darwinian to embrace christian belief it is by no means inconceivable at the same time he suggests ways in which a christian believer should have no difficulty accepting evolution in general and darwinism in particular

you have a longing to get closer to god but you don t know where to start you have so many questions without anyone close to you who can answer them your friends don t believe in jesus but you want more in life you want to be in his light this book is a guide that will help you in your journey with god simpler but also deeper questions are answered in this book how to live as a christian what must be done to be saved and how do you know if you are saved what is the holy spirit and does everyone have the holy spirit in them how do you build your faith and live in your salvation why should you pray and how do you pray what is sin and how do you stop sinning are there demons and can you tell if someone is possessed are there fake christian branches and how do you know which branch is fake are there bad congregations and how do you choose the correct congregation this book contains answers to most topics concerning christianity sin demons crime sex drugs alcohol friends jesus good and bad churches prayers how to get closer to god etc

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