

A personal relationship with God can only be established by:

- Accepting what Jesus Christ did on the cross<sup>4</sup>
- Asking Him to forgive you for your sins<sup>5</sup>
- Letting Him be the Lord and God of your life<sup>6</sup>
- And with Him living inside of you,<sup>7</sup> turning away from whatever God and the Bible call sin<sup>8</sup>

Believing in God is good, but trusting completely in Jesus Christ is the only way we can get to Heaven.

#### **Bible References:**

<sup>1</sup>James 2:19; <sup>2</sup>1 Cor. 8:5-6; <sup>3</sup>John 14:6;  
<sup>4</sup>1 Cor. 15:3; <sup>5</sup>1 John 1:9; <sup>6</sup>Rom. 10:9-10;  
<sup>7</sup>Rev. 3:20; <sup>8</sup>Acts 3:19

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# "I BELIEVE IN GOD"

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**E**ven in our modern society, most people still believe in God. Obviously, you cannot have a relationship with God without believing in Him. But is believing in God enough, and what kind of God should you believe in?

All over the world people believe in very different gods. Hindus believe in monkey gods, elephant gods, and that every man is a god. Buddhists believe that God is not a person, that he has no feelings nor mind, no capacity to love and care for us and that he is merely principle. The Muslims believe in a personal god named Allah who has given mankind strict, legalistic rules to follow in order to be saved. Only Christianity teaches that you cannot have a relationship with God through any human efforts or works.

So which God do you believe in? The Bible teaches that by just believing in God, even the true God, you will not get to Heaven. It says that even the demons believe in God, but they will not be saved from eternity in Hell.<sup>1</sup>

So, merely believing in God is not enough. In the same way, just believing food will nourish you is not enough. You must eat the food before it will do you any good. Many people believe in God, but they either do not know

who He is, or they do not have the kind of relationship with Him that He desires.

The Bible clearly teaches about God and says that though there are many things which are called god, there is actually only one true God.<sup>2</sup> It further states that it is impossible to have a relationship with the true God without going through Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup> Believing in God without accepting Jesus Christ is not sufficient.

But who is Jesus Christ, and how does He affect each of us? Jesus is the Son of God. He became a man almost 2,000 years ago and was the only person who ever lived a sinless life. After 33 years of perfect obedience to His Father in Heaven, He died on the cross, taking upon Himself the punishment all mankind deserved. In reality, each of us should have died on the cross for our own sins, but because He loved us, Jesus was willing to die in our place.

We can be saved from being punished for our sins if we put our complete trust and confidence in Jesus Christ's death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb three days later. We cannot be saved from our sins by merely believing in God, going to church, trying to be a good person, doing the best we can, following the ten commandments, reading the Bible, praying, or any other form of human effort.