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Being a Christian, Part 1

Jesus spoke a parable:

“No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.” (**Luke 5:36**)

Putting a new piece of material on an old garment misses on two counts:
(1) the old garment is already stretched, so the new piece will pull away;
(2) the new material won't match the old.

Some people try to add Christian principles to their stretched, sinful lives, but the Christian life pulls away, and being a Christian doesn't "match" sin.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (**Romans 12:2**)

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Father and Son of God

Judas Iscariot had left to betray Jesus (**John 13:21-30**), Peter was told he would deny Jesus (**John 13:36-38**), and yet Jesus said,

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” (**John 14:1**)

Faith in God should continue, no matter what people might do. But, faith in God necessitated faith in Jesus as God's only begotten Son, for Jesus had said,

“He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.” (**John 12:44**)

One cannot believe God is but deny that His Son is Christ.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (**1 John 4:15**)

Religions that deny Jesus is God's Son do not, and cannot believe in the God of the Bible, the Father of Jesus Christ!

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**God Exists, Part 1**

Paul pointed to the distinctive God of the Bible when he said,

We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

**(Acts 14:15)**

1) No human being should be elevated as "God." It is as Jesus said,

"Do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren." **(Matthew 23:8)**

2) "The heaven, the earth, the sea" did not always exist, nor were they haphazardly "exploded" into their orderliness.

3) Every living thing on earth must have come from "the living God," not man-made deities!

4) The only explanation that makes sense, is:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **(Genesis 1:1)**

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God Exists, Part 2

Without the God of the Bible, no one can explain:

1) The Creation: Of world-wide oceans, God:

... Fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!'

(Job 38:10-11);

2) The Bible: After all efforts to ignore or destroy it,

The word of the LORD endures forever. **(1 Peter 1:25);**

3) Jesus Christ: God in the flesh,

... Humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name **(Philippians 2:8-9);**

4) Christians:

... Who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. (**1 Peter 4:19**)

Can "atheism" explain these?

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Doubtful Faith

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (**Matthew 14:31**)

Jesus walked on water to the Apostles' storm-tossed boat. Peter's faith let him step on the water with Jesus, but his concern for the storm caused "doubt." "Doubt" is from a word meaning "pulled in two directions." Doubt is like "malware" that holds "faith" for "ransom." Peter's confident faith in Jesus had let him overcome the storm. Jesus also said:

"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (**John 6:40**)

But when we look around through slanted news headlines, police reports, or public media, at what people are doing, we "doubt" whether Jesus saves, or people can be saved! Has your faith "doubted?"

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