



Romans 1:20 *“or since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”*

### **Why believe Part Four: Believe in you**

In Christian history, church has spread a message that it's all about God. In reality it's the chicken and the egg argument. Is God all about himself? Bible theology says two things. One is that God is self-contained. There is only one God. The first commandment is to put no other God before him. So, is God all about himself? The second thing Bible theology teaches is that God is three persons: The Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit. They are distinct but one. The extension of that is creation. God said in Genesis 1:26 *“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image.”* The “us part” and in “our” image part has caused some trouble. Are we like God? Are we a representation of his image? What if people meant more to God than just an ant?

James 4:8 *“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

I don't want to pound you with verses. Yet, to believe is to live differently. To be drawn to something greater. They always say God has a plan for you. I hear it over and over. What is the plan? The very cool part of God is the word “distinct.” God is distinctly three persons. Yet, they are united as one God. People are individually distinct. Nobody is alike. Yet, as creation we

are one. This is our earth. God and human's share the planet together. It's not like God needs to dwell on earth yet he chose to. He did not need to be human to talk to us but he chose to. How can a Spiritual being talk to physical beings? God sent the Holy Spirit to reside within us. There is a bridge within believers to God. Our Spiritual soul talks with Gods Spirit. At the end of James 4:8 it says *double minded*. As physical beings we think physical by wants, desires, and sex. We are physical beings. Yet, to think like God is Spiritual. God has provided a way to think and communicate differently through his Spirit. To be double minded.

To believe is to think forward only. Luke 9:62 "*Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."* This is the new way! Christians are not to look back. Not to dwell on the past. To believe is to look towards eternity. To look towards hope, heaven, life, and a whole lot more. God is not interested in what you have done. Does not care about past sin and past deeds. This God does care about what you will do. What you could do. Why does death have no meaning to God? Death is finality. In Gods world nothing is final.

Are your mistakes final? Did you do enough to please God? Did you do that final thing to make him happy? I will equally ask you this. In your life right now is divorce final? Is a misunderstanding final? Death final? How many people have I read about that made one mistake and it cost them their life or career? I get it that a very, very small number of people get a second chance at a failed marriage or fired job. Most of the time (in life) these things are final. With God it's never final. He is called the God of second chances for a reason.

In the God life you get to see other options.

Romans 5:20 "*Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.*"

John Newton (Amazing Grace) *“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see.”*

Why did Mr. Newton write that? Why did the Apostle Paul of the Bible write that? It's directly because Paul was a Christian hater that got a second chance. John Newton was a slave trader that needed forgiveness. We do life with what is given to us. Some people hate Christians. Many do! In the past, some people had slaves or killed people. God only cares about the future. What kind of life could you lead if your future hopes and dreams were all that mattered? In God's world you will find forgiveness, yourself, God, and a much bigger world. There is a good world beyond mistakes in God's kingdom.

It's a weird change when you start believing in God. I thought I knew stuff. The homeless were bums. Hell, wasn't a bad place to be. A kindred heart connected by Spirit and belief was a concept. I believe God now! Again, why bother? Why did swearing go away? Why does anger towards a neighbor go away? Why does looking towards hope get me excited? I believe in God but I also believe he is walking this road with me. I am not afraid anymore. Let's tackle this life with reckless abandon because I fear nothing with God. I will leave this section on believing with these two verses

Romans 8:31 *“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

Matthew 19:26 *“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*