

Why Believe?

Turning "What's in it for me?" to "How can I best love others?"

The creator God already loves us. [His plan](#) enables us to love Him and others.

Why believe in God?

- To understand the creator's love
- To learn how that relates to us

Why believe in Jesus Christ?

- He is God as our human example of love.
- Proven God by His life after death

Why become a Christian (Christ follower)?

- To fulfill God's plan
- To be enabled by His Spirit

What is the goal as a Christian?

- To be like Christ
- To love all¹ people like Christ

How do we become more like Christ?

- Learn more about Him (Bible study)
- Love and obey God²

How do we love others as Christ did?

- Surrender to God; die to self.
- Share our [Christ] knowledge with them.³
- Care for their needs.⁴

Why do we go to and serve in a church?

- Corporate worship of the creator
- To learn to live as God intended
- To accomplish more for God than we could alone

Notes

1. Especially those we 'see' as sinners
2. This is not done by being religious and following rules, but by the power of God's Spirit in our hearts.
3. This is not done by creating rules for them, but by loving and caring for them.
4. May involve self-sacrifice.

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