

## How can I convert an atheist?

We all have friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers who proclaim to be atheists and as Christians we desire for them to be converted and come to know the Lord as we know him.

1. What does it take in order to be converted?

Acts **16:30-31**

Matthew **19:23-26**

John **3:1-8**

John **16:7-11**

Salvation is NOT the work of men but it IS the work of God. The Holy Spirit works in a person in order to convict him of his own sinfulness and as a result of being exceedingly sinful, he cries out to God for salvation.

2. What does the atheist already know?

Romans **1:18-22**

2 Peter **3:3-7**

Romans **1:28-32**

John **3:18-21**

The atheist actually does know that there is but one God. He deliberately chooses to reject what he truly knows because of his love and desire for remaining in his own current sinful condition. Even the atheist knows that judgment for the sinful condition of others is coming and will be meted out. In order for there to be justice, there must be one who will administer justice, even if the one being judged refuses to acknowledge his own need for condemnation and judgment.

3. What role can I play in someone's conversion?

Romans **10:13-17**

Jude **1:3-4**

Acts **17:23-31**

1 Peter **3:15**

2 Corinthians **5:17-20**

When it comes to the atheist, or any other person of any other faith, our role in their possible conversion is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Only by hearing the Gospel, in the Old and New Testaments, is it possible for the atheist to become aware of his own sinfulness, the just punishment that awaits him, and his desperate need for Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for sins and to cover him with the righteousness of Christ. As we hold conversations with the atheist we should prepare ourselves to answer his questions and to contend for the legitimacy of the Christian faith in contrast to the illegitimacy of the atheistic faith. Only through our witnessing to the atheist will there be any hope of him actually finding the one true God whom he is ardently pursuing.

4. What should be my concern when discussing things with an atheist?

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

Ephesians **4:13**

1 Corinthians **3:6-7**

1 Corinthians **6:9-11**

We need to be concerned for the soul of the atheist knowing that without Christ he is without hope and without help. Like the atheist, we once also rejected faith in Christ but someone else in loving and care shared the gospel with us and we moved from disbelief to belief..