

**Just For Fun**  
**An Atheist's Lesson**

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned around to look and immediately saw a seven foot grizzly charging towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path, hoping to spot anyone with a gun, a knife, a bow and arrow, even. Breathing heavily, he looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. Risking another quick glance, he saw that the bear was even closer. Suddenly, he tripped and fell over a gnarled tree root hidden in a pile of leaves, his body sprawling heavily, helplessly, on the ground.

He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out: "Oh...my...God!"

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a Voice came out of the sky: "You have denied My existence for all of these years. You have taught others that I do not exist, and even credited creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect Me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light and said, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps You could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," said the Voice.

The light went out.

The sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ, our Lord, Amen".

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**"BEAT THE CHRISTMAS RUSH,  
COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!"**

## DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO YOU?

There are a few simple and basic doctrines or beliefs that just about all that claim any form of Christianity hold to. I realize there are some exceptions to the rule, but most do believe certain fundamental doctrines.

Most believe that there is a God who is the creator of all things living and dead. Most believe that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cruel cross of Calvary to pay the debt of sin for all mankind. Most believe that the Bible is the word of God revealed to us that we might know what His will is for us. Now, I know, as already stated that there are some who would disagree with some of this. There are some that believe in evolution, thus they do not believe that God created man. There are those that do not ascribe deity to Jesus, thus they do not believe He is the only begotten Son of God. And, there are those that do not believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, thus it is not an instruction manual for us to live by.

Now, does it make any sense to believe that there is a God, that He created all things and that He sent His only begotten Son to die for the salvation of man, but deny the Bible as the revealed word of God. The only place one can learn these things is from God's word, the Bible.

And, does it make any sense at all to believe that the Bible is the word of God but then deny the Genesis account of the creation in favor of a "theory" devised by mere man. If the Bible is in error, then it is not from God. If the Genesis account of the origin of all things is not true, then it is in error and thus not the revealed word of God.

And also, if one believes that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, then how can that person then refuse the specific instructions given by Jesus for the procurement of salvation (the new testament) and draw up their own ways and means of reaching heaven? It just doesn't make any sense.

Yet, let us consider just one more issue that fails to make sense. How about those who stand firm upon their belief of all three of the above and then simply refuse to live by the word of God. If you truly believe that God does exist, that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ to die for the sins of mankind, that the Bible reveals the requirements for a heavenly home and that your salvation is dependant upon your adherence to that; it just does not make sense to be so flippant with and about being a true Christian!!! Think about it!!! Tilis