

# Christian Certainties – No. 1

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We live in an age gripped by agnosticism. Agnosticism is the namby-pamby wishy-washy, spineless approach to the vital issues of life. In the realm of faith, it dictates a “wait and see” attitude; maybe there is a God, but maybe there isn’t. In the realm of morals, it denies a fixed set of moral standards and makes all moral issues relative to one’s situation; nothing is absolutely right or wrong. Literally, the agnostic position is, “I don’t know.” The New Testament utterly contradicts this position in relation to the most fundamental issues of human and Divine existence. It doesn’t claim that men can know everything, but it does claim that men can know some things with absolute certainty. The men who wrote the New Testament were men who knew Jesus Christ and whose convictions were deep concerning Him. Often, they express the certainty of some issue or principle by preceding it with “I know...”, or “We know....” Such statements are the essence of absolute certainty that harshly rebuke a doubting, secular, agnostic generation.

**There is one true God.** Paul declared, “We know that no idol is anything in the world, that there is no God but One” (1 Cor. 8:4). Man has always been a worshiping creature. He craves servitude of some sort of deity. If he knows not the true God of Heaven, he invents his own god. Even if he denies the true and living God, he still must have a god of some sort. Thus, the Gentile world that once knew God, ceased to worship Him, and substituted the “likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts and creeping things” (Rom. 1:23). All the idols of men are alike in that they can neither speak, see, hear, smell, work, or walk (Psa. 115:4-7). There is and ever has been only one Spirit, Lord, God, and Father (Eph. 4:4-6). Even if we had not His word to reveal Him fully to us, the created world demands an Almighty Creator, and to deny such is as foolish as it is inexcusable (Rom. 1:19-20). With the same certainty of Paul’s proclamation, we can confidently say, “**There is a God in Heaven!**”

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