

Jesus My Hope!

Who Are You Waiting For

“For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.”
Galatians 5:5 ESV

Jesus Birth Gives Us _____ for Living!

I. Signs I Am Going the _____ !

- I am in _____ to Bad Behavior

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1 ESV

- I am _____ the Struggle to Behave

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” Galatians 5:16–17 ESV

- I _____ of Bad Behavior

“Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19–21 ESV

- I _____ the Fruit of Godly Behavior

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22–23 ESV

II . Seven _____

1. **Theism**—an infinite God is in and Beyond the Universe (Traditional Judaism, Islam and Christianity)

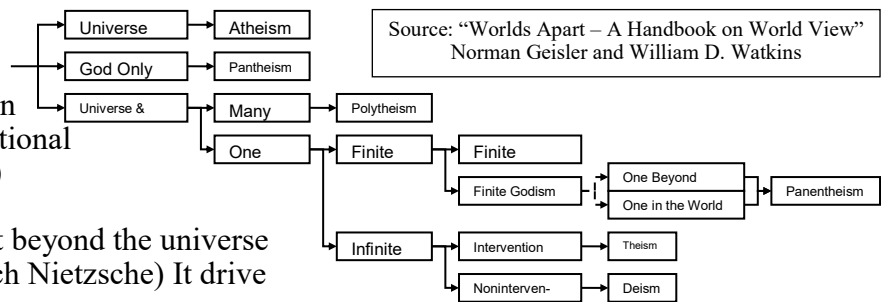
2. **Atheism**—God does not exist beyond the universe or in it. (Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche) It drive much of counseling today.

3. **Pantheism**—God is the universe. For a pantheist there is no creator beyond the universe. (Hinduism, Zen Buddhism, and the New Age movement)

4. **Panentheism**– God is in the universe and beyond the universe. This view says God is in the universe as a mind is in a body. The universe is God’s “body.”

5. **Deism**– God is beyond the universe, not in it. Deism is like theism minus the miracles. It says God is transcendent over the universe but not supernaturally active in the world.

6. **Finite Godism**– a finite God is beyond and in the universe. Finite Godism is like theism, only the God beyond the universe and active in it is not infinite but is limited in his nature and power.



7. Polytheism– there are two or more finite Gods in the universe. Two or more finite Gods exist in the world and influence events in it. In contrast to theists, polytheists deny that an infinite God exists beyond the world. And unlike deists, they believe that the gods are active in the world. (Greek Culture and Mormonism)

III. Does it _____?

- **Death** The theist believes in personal immortality and the atheist generally does not. Hence, for the theist death is the beginning of eternal life. For the atheist death is simply the ending of one's mortal life on earth.

- **Good Deeds** A theist views an act of compassion as an absolute obligation imposed by God and one which has intrinsic value regardless of the consequences. An atheist, on the other hand, views virtue as a self-imposed obligation which men have decided upon because of the good they perceive it may bring.

- **Values** For a theist certain things have ultimate value because God has so endowed them. Human life, for example, is sacred because God made it in his own image. By contrast, life for an atheist has only the value man gives to it.

- **Hope** For a theist there is hope because God is working out His plan. But for the atheist, this is all fatalistic for there is all there is, so eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.

IV– I Am Living For _____

-**God is Working In Our _____ and In _____.**

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”
Matthew 1:23 ESV

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(Ephesians 1:13-14)

- **I Live with _____!**

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Your Spiritual Development

Positional (Imputed) Righteousness - > Progressive Righteousness > Final Righteousness

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