

WHO/WHAT IS MY ANCHOR IN LIFE?

ANCHOR

Something that holds fast, steadies, is reliable not just some of the time but all of the time. If your anchor in life is off, everything is off.

Questions to consider:

- Would you agree that having a solid anchor in life is crucial?
- What is the result of having no anchor in life?
- What attributes or characteristics would make the best anchor in life?
- Would you want those attributes or characteristics to be true of your anchor just some of the time or all of the time?
- Who/what is my anchor in life?

The One True God of the Bible is the only solid anchor in life (Psalm 46:1-3).

THE ONE TRUE GOD IS...

OMNIPOTENT God is all-powerful. He spoke all things into being, and all things—every cell, every breath, every thought—are sustained by Him. Nothing is too difficult for Him. Jeremiah 32:17, 18, 26, 27

GOOD God is the embodiment of perfect goodness, and is kind, benevolent, and full of good will toward all creation. Psalm 119:65-72

LOVE God's love is so great that He

gave His only Son to bring us

into fellowship with Him. His love encompasses the world, and embraces each of us personally and intimately. 1 John 4:7-10

JEHOVAH-JIREH "The God who provides." Just as He provided yesterday, He will provide today and tomorrow. He grants deliverance from sin, the oil of joy for the ashes of sorrow, and eternal citizenship in His Kingdom for all those adopted into His household. Genesis 22:9-14

JEHOVAH-SHALOM "The God of peace." We are meant to know the fullness of God's perfect peace, His "shalom." God's peace surpasses understanding and sustains us through difficult times. It's the product of fully being what we were created to be. Judges 6:16-24

IMMUTABLE All that God is, He has always been. All that He has been and is, He will ever be. He is ever perfect and unchanging. Psalm 102:25-28

HOLY God's holiness is not a better version of the best we know. God is utterly and supremely untainted. His holiness stands apart—unique and incomprehensible. Revelation 4:8-11

SELF-SUFFICIENT All things are God's to give, and all that is given is given by Him. He can receive nothing that He has not already given us. Acts 17:24-28

OMNISCIENT God is all-knowing. God's knowledge encompasses every possible thing that exists, has ever existed, or will ever exist. Nothing is a mystery to Him. Psalm 139:1-6

OMNIPRESENT God is everywhere, in and around everything, close to everyone all at the same time. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord." Psalm 139:7-12

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THE ONE TRUE GOD IS...

MERCIFUL God's merciful compassion is infinite and inexhaustible. Through Christ, He took the judgment that was rightfully ours and placed it on His own shoulders. He waits and works now for all people to turn to Him. Deuteronomy 4:29-31

SOVEREIGN God presides over every event, great or small, and He is in control of our lives. To be sovereign, He must be all-knowing and all-powerful, and by His sovereignty He rules His entire creation. 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

WISE All God's acts are accomplished through His infinite wisdom. He always acts for our good, which is to conform us to Christ. Our good and His glory inextricably bound together. Proverbs 3:19,20

FAITHFUL Out of His faithfulness, God honors His covenants and fulfills His promises. Our hope for the future rests upon God's faithfulness. Psalm 89:1-8

FULL OF GRACE Grace is God's good pleasure that moves Him to grant merit where it is undeserved and to forgive debt that cannot be repaid. Ephesians 1:5-8

OUR COMFORTER Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Comforter," and the apostle Paul writes that the Lord is "the God of all comfort." 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

EL-SHADDAI "God Almighty," the God who is all-sufficient and all-bountiful, the source of all blessings. Genesis 49:22-26

FATHER Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9), and the Spirit of God taught us to cry, "Abba, Father," an intimate Aramaic term similar to "Daddy." The Creator of the universe cares for each one of us. Romans 8:15-17

PATIENT God is perfectly patient, waiting on humans to finally respond to His promptings and love. 2 Pet 3:9

TRANSCENDENT God is not simply the highest in an order of beings (this would be to grant Him eminence). He is transcendent—existing beyond and above the created universe. Psalm 113:4,5

JUST God is righteous and holy, fair and equitable in all things. We can trust Him to always do what is right. Psalm 75:1-7

Notes:

- This above list is far from exhaustive.
- This cannot be missed! - One can only call The One True God theirs if they have decided to believe in and follow Jesus.
- If the Only Solid Anchor in life is theirs, that person's identity is anchored in Him as well (See below)



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WHO IS JESUS?

Christianity rises and falls with Jesus. If Jesus is who He was prophesied to be, who He said He was/claimed to be, then God truly is the only solid anchor.

He was a real person in history

- Josephus
- Tacitus

He was born miraculously - Luke 1:26-38, 2

He had authority

- As a teacher - Luke 4:31-32
- Over evil spirits - Luke 4:33-37
- Over sickness - Luke 4:38-41
- Over nature - Luke 5:1-10
- To forgive sins - Luke 5:17-26
- Over life and death - Luke 7:11-17

His claims

- To be the Messiah
 - Matthew 16:15-17
 - Matthew 26:63-64
 - John 5:39
- To be God
 - Matthew 9:1-8
 - John 1:1-2
 - John 5:17-18
 - John 5:23
 - John 8:19, 58
 - John 12:44
 - John 14:9
 - John 15:23
- He is the only way to Heaven
 - John 14:6
 - Acts 4:12
 - Ephesians 2:1-10
 - Colossians 2:13-15
 - 1 John 4:10
 - Hebrews 10:10

He died, was buried and resurrected - 1 Cor. 15:3-4

In evaluating the above information, Jesus could only be one of 3 things:

1. Liar - He knew He wasn't God but deliberately deceived people.
2. Lunatic - He honestly thought He was God, but He was crazy.
3. Lord - He was who He claimed to be - God in flesh.

EVERYONE MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DECISION ARE ETERNAL.

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