

There IS a God!

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You may have read about the poster campaign in Britain. A group of atheists paid £140,000 to put a message on the side of the buses: "THERE'S PROBABLY NO GOD. NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE."

People are entitled their opinion, and in free speech societies are also free to share that opinion. I'm not sure this group has chosen the most opportune time to share the message. If there was ever a time when we needed a God who can somehow fix all that is wrong in our world, it may be now—economic crisis, rising unemployment, government bailouts, declining market values, the real possibility of deflation. But don't worry, God probably doesn't exist. You'll have to get through this one on your own. Very reassuring! Maybe their signs should read, "THERE'S PROBABLY NO GOD, SO YOU BETTER FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THROUGH THIS ON YOUR OWN. BY THE WAY, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR LIFE."

What if there *is* a God? What if God has revealed himself to us in the world that he has made? What if the heavens declare God's glory and the earth is full of his goodness? What if God has made us for a purpose, that we might know him and experience the reality of his presence in our lives? What if God loves human beings like us, even when we mess up and live as though God doesn't exist? What if he sent his Son, Jesus Christ into our world to bring us back to him?

Knowing God as our Father means we don't have to worry. He knows our needs and has promised to provide. Believing in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ doesn't take the enjoyment and pleasure out of life—it leads to a life of abundance. God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. In his presence is fullness of joy and at his right hand are pleasures for evermore.

I can think of a much better slogan, "THERE IS A GOD OF UNIMAGINABLE GRACE AND LOVE. YOU CAN BECOME HIS CHILD BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. **NOW** STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE!"