

How should I respond when the atheist says, "The burden of proof is on you."? I give biblical answers but they never believe. Is it my job to answer all of their questions? It's always the same end result. Why do they even ask? I've had to disconnect with some of them altogether.

The Christian is a witness not a lawyer (Jn 8:17). He has tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Ps 34:8) and he can share his testimony with another. Christians have been: chosen (Ac 10:41), commissioned (Ac 1:8), empowered (Ac 4:33) and confirmed (He 2:3, 4) to do this.

The atheist will believe or he will not (2 Thess 1:10). If he believes (Ac 20:21), then he will live (Jn 17:3). If he does not, he will die a second death (Re 21:8).

God starts with the assumption that the truth is known but men suppress it in unrighteousness (Ro 1:18-19). They prefer darkness to light because their deeds are evil (Jn 3:19).

Your friend must seek the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30). *His* soul is at stake not yours (Jn 3:18, 19). God is not far from any one of us (Ac 17:27).

Explaining the witness of the Holy Spirit Adrian Rogers said:

..."He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself" (1 John 5:10). Before I got saved, He witnessed to me. He told me what Christ did is true. Now He witnesses in me. I have the witness in myself.

Suppose I am enjoying myself by eating a piece of apple pie, and you come to me and say, "There is no such thing as apple pie. I don't believe in apple pie. And if there is apple pie, it is no good."

Despite your arguments, I have the witness within me. I have the witness on the inside. A Christian with a testimony is never at the mercy of an unbeliever with an argument, because he has the witness in himself.¹

Perhaps your friend will want to get to know the true God of the Bible (Jn 14:17).

¹ Rogers, A. (n.d.). *Assurance of Salvation: Ghosts That Haunt Us*. Love Worth Finding. Retrieved May 24, 2023, from <https://www.lwf.org/discover-jesus/assurance-of-salvation>