

# Modern Excuses

Ten excuses modern people make against believing in Jesus Christ, and some answers.

- 1. There are too many hypocrites in the Church.**  
*That may be so, but you have never been guilty of hypocrisy? Everyone has sinned in some respect. Jesus said he didn't come to call the good people to repentance, but the bad ones. See Luke 5:32.*
- 2. I don't read anything.**  
*I doubt that. Besides, I have a video you could borrow.*
- 3. All religions lead to God.**  
*It is true that there are many religions, but their beliefs conflict. So someone is right and someone is wrong. Jesus claimed to be God and to show his nature. He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me." See John 14:6.*
- 4. There is no absolute truth.**  
*If that were the case, there would have been no scientific understanding of the universe, and we would be living very simply, probably at subsistence level. If there is evil, there is good. God says he is good. "No one is good but God alone." See Mark 10:18.*
- 5. If it's OK for you, go for it, but not for me.**  
*This is the 'no-absolutes' argument again. If God is true, and he is calling everyone everywhere to bow to his rule, then you are in the same category as I, except that I have and you haven't. See Acts 17:30.*
- 6. I don't need religion.**  
*I don't need it either, but I'm talking about a living person, Jesus, the manifestation of the Creator of the universe who rose from the dead and is alive today. We both need Jesus. See Matthew 28:7.*
- 7. God wouldn't send anyone to hell.**  
*God sends people to hell all the time because he is perfect and will not tolerate rebellion. Jesus Christ was the greatest hell-fire preacher of all time. See Matthew 5 for a sample. He loves rebels, but when they die as rebels, his purity gives him no option. Of course, he has offered a way out. It is up to us to accept Jesus Christ as our substitute. See Revelation 5:9.*
- 8. There is plenty of time.**  
*That might be so if you could guarantee living for another 60 years. So there is really no time to waste. You could be dead tonight. Then what will you say to God? The Bible says that "now" is the day to be saved. See 2 Corinthians 6:2.*
- 9. Being a Christian is dull.**  
*Some Christians do give that impression, but they are wrong because they don't understand that they are free to have fun. Jesus said that he came to give us life and peace and joy. See John 10:10.*
- 10. How can there be a God when there is pain and suffering?**  
*Pain and suffering was not God's intention. God created things to be good, and they were. The rebellion of our first parents set that course. See Genesis 1-3. Eventually God will do away with pain and suffering and death, only because Jesus has paid the penalty for rebellion. Only those who have accepted his sacrifice will get to experience the remade creation. See Revelation 21:4.*

Ten Commandments, Ten Plagues, Ten fingers, Ten Excuses  
Jesus died for your sins. He offers you eternal life.