

Jesus Followers

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The image features three large, overlapping circles on a light grey background. The top circle is a dark green color. The bottom-left circle is a dark red or maroon color. The bottom-right circle is an orange-brown color. The circles overlap in the center, creating a dark, almost black, triangular region. The text "What do you want?" is written in a white, sans-serif font across the center of the image, partially overlapping the circles.

What do you want?

Having the Mind of Christ

**Eight Axioms to Cultivate a
Robust Faith**

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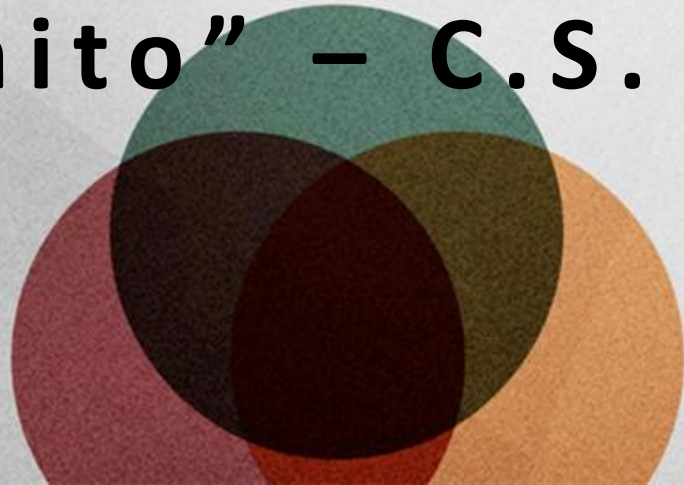
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8. God is love, so it's all about love.



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**“We may ignore, but we can
nowhere evade the presence of
God. The world is crowded with
Him. He walks everywhere
incognito” – C.S. Lewis**



1. God is always present.



**Psalm 139:1-
12**

**¹ You have searched me, Lord, and
you know me.**

**² You know when I sit and when I
rise; you perceive my thoughts
from afar.**



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**³ You discern my going out and my
lying down; you are familiar with
all my ways.**

**⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.**



**Psalm 139:1-
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**⁵ You hem me in behind and
before, and you lay your hand
upon me.**

**⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful
for me, too lofty for me to attain.**



**Psalm 139:1-
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**⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your
presence?**

**⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are
there; if I make my bed in the
depths, you are there.**



**Psalm 139:1-
12**

**⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the
sea,**

**¹⁰ even there your hand will guide
me, your right hand will hold me
fast.**



**Psalm 139:1-
12**

**11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will
hide me and the light become
night around me,”**

**12 even the darkness will not be
dark to you; the night will shine
like the day, for darkness is as
light to you.**

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**Psalm 139:13-
18**

**13 For you created my inmost
being; you knit me together in my
mother's womb.**

**14 I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful.**



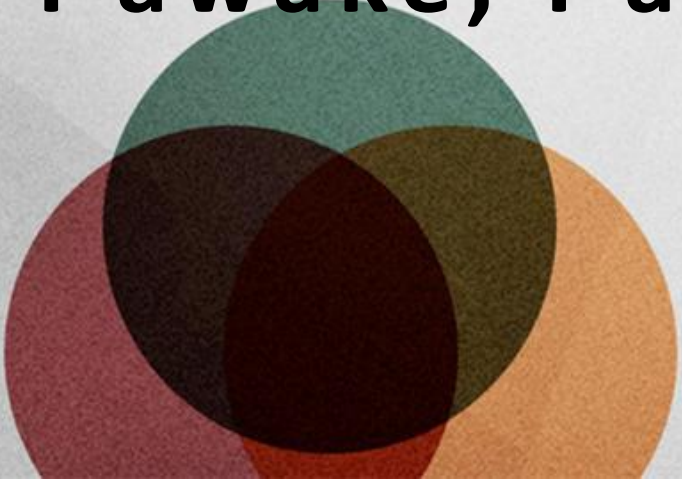
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15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-18

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with you.



Psalm 139:13-18

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3. Functional Atheism.



**Psalm 139:19-
24**

19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.



Psalm 139:19-24

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for them; count them my enemies.



Psalms 139:19-24

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.



Psalms 139:19-24

**How do you approach God
when
you don't get what you want?**



**How can you recognize God's
presence in your life
and the world around you?**



**How can you take time
to watch where He is at work
in your life and in the world?**



