Christ 101: How to Defend the Christian Faith with Reason and Evidence.

Lesson One: What difference does it make? The problem of happiness.

Christian apologetics – The study of how to defend and explain the Christian faith.

* Everything we do is geared to attaining happiness. Is happiness attainable? Momentary moments of happiness are possible but is real and lasting happiness possible?

Problems in attaining a real and lasting happiness.

1. Troubles in this life. Earthly goods are necessary but undependable. It is completely out of our control. The mere threat of these evils is enough to undermine one’s happiness. Insecurity and fear of loss are incompatible with happiness.
2. Even the good things of this world can be just instantly ripped away from you through death. Your death will end the only life you have. Life is short, death is certain, but the hour of death is uncertain. Death makes the goods of this world not so good anymore.
3. The possibility of judgement. What will happen after you die?

If Jesus was right, there are after life evils. It may not be safe to die.

Even the possible threat of divine judgement can be enough to undermine our happiness.

The Bad News

Life sucks then you die but after that it may get a whole lot worse.

1. Your life contains suffering and evil.
2. Your death will put an end to all joys.
3. You might face a final judgement for all eternity after you die.