

# Retrieval Do Now

<p>What are contrasting ways the Festival of Ashura is commemorated?</p>	<p>Why is Salah important to Muslims?</p>
<p>What are the key places a Muslim visits during hajj?</p>	<p>What are two contrasting understandings of Jihad?</p>

**21 April 2022**

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Christian Beliefs unit**

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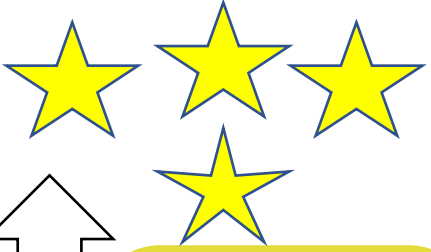
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# Christian Beliefs- Unit Checklist



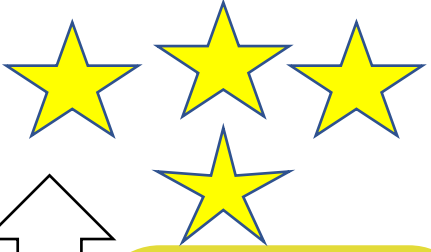
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God as omnipotent, loving and just			
The Oneness of God and the Trinity			
Different Christian beliefs about Creation			
The incarnation and Jesus, the Son of God			
The crucifixion			
The resurrection and ascension			
Resurrection and life after death			
The afterlife and judgement			
Heaven and hell			
Sin and salvation			
The role of Christ in salvation			



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Before we start let's review how confident you feel with the Christian Beliefs unit. RAG the unit checklist you have been given.

- Highlight green the topics you feel very confident with.
- Highlight yellow the topics you feel okay with but you feel you still need to do some work with it to be fully confident answering questions.
- Highlight red anything that you are really unsure about.



# 1. The nature of God

Christians believe that:

- There is only **one** God
- God is the **creator** and **sustainer**. This means Christians are **monotheistic**.
- People can have a **relationship with God** through prayer
- God is spirit neither male or female- but has qualities of both.
- God is holy set apart for worship.
- **Jesus is God's son**- the true representation of God on earth.

- **Roman Catholic** based in Rome and led by the Pope
- **Orthodox**- split from Roman Catholic Christianity in 1054 CE and practised in Eastern Europe
- **Protestant**- split from Catholic Christianity in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and branched into different denominations (e.g. Baptist and Methodist)

## Task

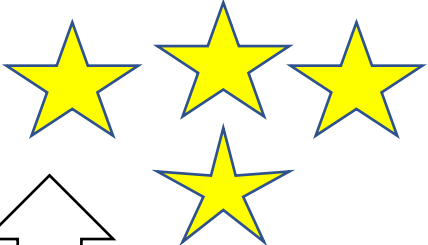
1. **Why are there different branches within Christianity today?**
2. **What are the different branches of Christianity today?**
3. **What do Christians believe about God?**

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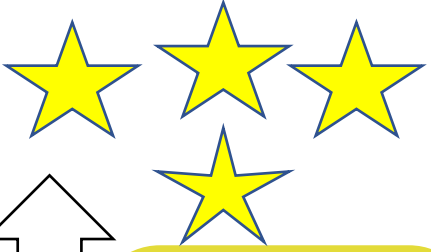
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# How much progress have we made?

**Which Christian denomination has the Pope as the head?**

1. Protestant Church
2. Roman Catholic Church
3. Orthodox Church



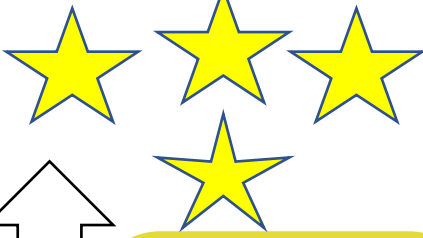
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## 2. God as omnipotent, loving and just



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- God is **omnipotent** which means having unlimited power. This is shown through God's creation and miracles.
- God is **benevolent** is all-loving and all-good, this means using his power to do good. God shows his love by creating humans and caring for them. God's love is shown by God sending Jesus.
- God is **just**. This means God is fair and a just judge of humankind. God will never support injustice, ill-treatment or oppression.

### The Problem of Evil and Suffering

If God is benevolent why does he allow people to suffer

If God is omnipotent what does he not prevent suffering from happening

If God is **just** why does he allow injustice

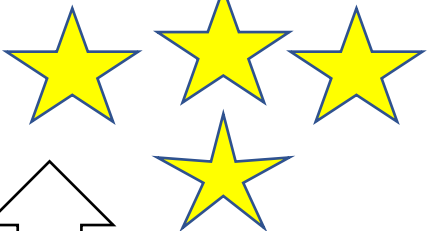
### The response to evil and suffering

- Suffering is caused by free will
- Suffering is a test- Job
- Original sin Adam and Eve

### Tasks

1. What does it mean to say God is omnipotent, benevolent and Just? How does God show these qualities?
2. Why does the presence of evil and suffering pose a challenge to God?
3. How would religious believers respond to this challenge?

# Which biblical reference links to which quality of God?



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*'The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever.'*  
Psalm 103 8-9

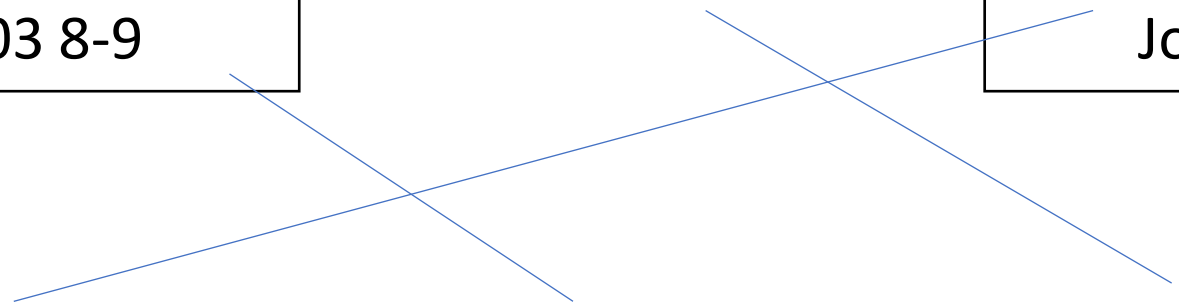
*'And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.'*  
Psalm 50:6

*'The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.'*  
Job 37:23

Omnipotence

Benevolence

Just





# Exam Practice

**Explain two Christian teachings about God. Refer to sacred writings or another source of Christian belief in your answer. (5)**

**Make a point**

*Christians believe that God is omnipotent.*

**Develop it**

**Make a point**

*Christians believe that God is benevolent.*

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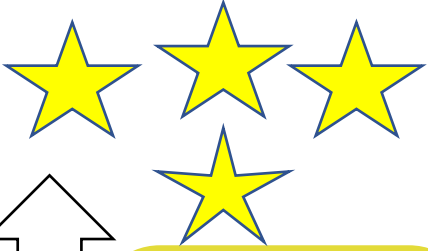
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*Christians believe that God is omnipotent.*

**Develop it**

*This is because in the Bible God creates the world ex-nihilo (out of nothing).*

**Make a point**

*Christians believe that God is benevolent.*

**Develop it**

*This is because God loves and cares for his creations shown by God sending Jesus.*

**Reference to sacred writings**

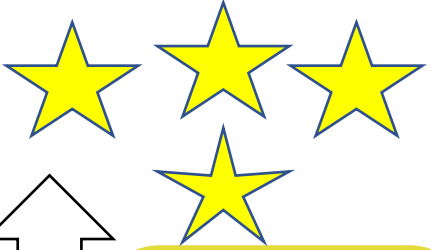
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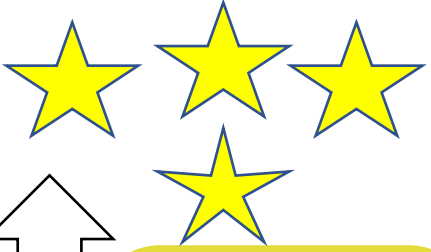
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**‘ It is not possible to believe in God and accept evil and suffering in the world.’**

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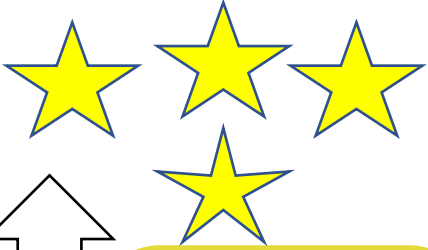
<p><b>Agree</b>  <i>Letting people suffer is seen as cruel; when humans do this to each other they are criticised for it. It is hard to justify God’s existence when nothing is done to help those who suffer- especially innocent children.</i></p>	<p><b>Disagree</b>  <i>Christians argue that God gave humans freewill and , therefore, in order for people to be free, God cannot intervene in the world and stop suffering such as the Holocaust.</i></p>	<p><b>Agree</b>  <i>Suffering may have a purpose, but the extent of suffering in the world seems excessive. Allowing people to continually suffer seems mean and suggests God cannot exist as he would want to help his creation.</i></p>	<p><b>Disagree</b>  <i>Some Christians accept that there may be a purpose to suffering that they do not understand. Humans are not as great as God, as shown by his nature, so should not question what he does.</i></p>	<p><b>Conclusion</b>  <i>After reflecting on the arguments to support and oppose the statement I disagree. Suffering is a test to see whether we will keep our faith in God as seen with the example of Job in the Bible.</i></p>
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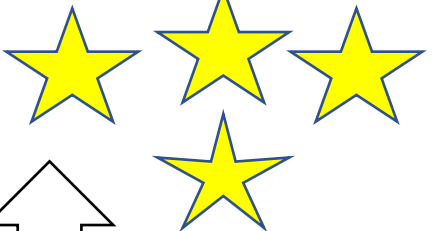
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# 3. The Trinity



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Christians believe there is only One God, however God is revealed in **three distinct ways** ('Three Persons'). This is called the Trinity:

- God the **Father** (loving creator and sustainer of the universe)
- God the **Son** (saviour who became incarnate (human), lived, was crucified and then resurrected- Jesus Christ)
- God the **Holy Spirit** (is the unseen power of God at work in the world)

**Each person of the Trinity is fully God, however the persons of the trinity are not the same.**

**How does the Trinity influence a Christian's life?**

- It helps Christians gain an understanding of God who is beyond the understanding of God.
- It makes sense of what is written in the Bible.
- It encourages us to love others through the act of God sending his son.

## Tasks

1. **What is the Christian belief in the Trinity?**
2. **Who is the Father?**
3. **Who is the Son?**
4. **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

# 'The Trinity is a helpful way of describing God.'

**Sort the arguments below into agree and disagree.**

The Trinity is a helpful idea because it describes God as a loving relationship of persons.

The love of God the Son is shown in Jesus' mission and sacrifice.

The Trinity seems contradictory.

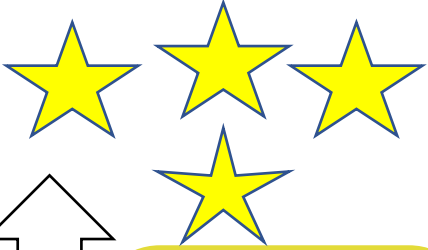
The love of God the Father is shown in his sending his Son to earth to save humankind.

If God is One, the how can God be three persons?

The Holy Spirit is the outpouring of love between Father and Son that encourages Christians to love their neighbour.

Jesus was a Jew and believed in the oneness of God.

The Trinity is not helpful to people of other faiths as they may think that Christians believe in three different Gods.



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### 3. The Trinity and the Nicene Creed

Church leaders gathered and created the **Nicene Creed** at the Council of Nicaea in AD325. The council was called by the Emperor Constantine. This was a very important meeting because those who attended decided on the **divine** nature of Jesus and his relationship to God the Father.

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. ... We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God ... of one Being with the Father ... [who] was made man ... he suffered death and ... he rose again ... and is seated at the right hand of the Father. ... We believe in the Holy Spirit ... the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son ... who has spoken through the prophets. Nicene Creed***

*Annotate where the belief in the Trinity is in the Nicene Creed. These will make excellent references!*

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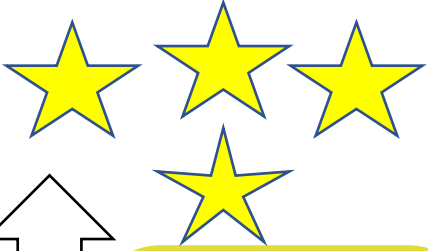
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# Progress Check

**Which part of the Trinity is  
God as creator?**

- a) Father**
- b) Son**
- c) Holy Spirit**



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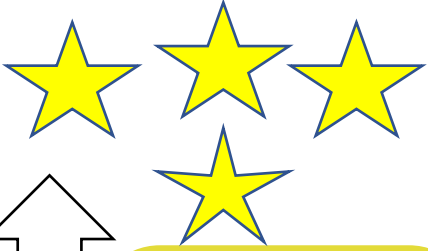
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**Are we feeling more confident with these three topics in Christian Beliefs?  
Are there any areas of concern still?**



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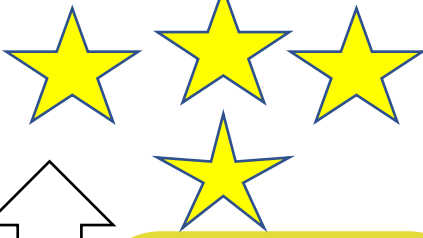
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# Retrieval- Do Now

1. What is almsgiving?
2. What is a contrasting way of giving almsgiving?
3. What is a difference in the way that id-ul fitr and id-ul adha are celebrated?
4. Name two Christian denominations.
5. What does omnipotent mean?
6. What does omnibenevolent mean?
7. What is the problem of evil?
8. What is the Christian response to the problem of evil?
9. What is the trinity?
10. What is the holy spirit?

## 4. Different Christian beliefs about creation



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### Genesis 1:1-3

*'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light", and there was light'*

- God created everything out of choice and created everything 'good'
- Although God the Father is referred to as the creator, the Holy Spirit was active in creation according to Genesis also.

### Tasks

1. What does Genesis 1:1-3 teach Christians about creation?
2. What does John 1:1-3 teach Christians about creation?
3. How would a belief in creation influence Christians today?

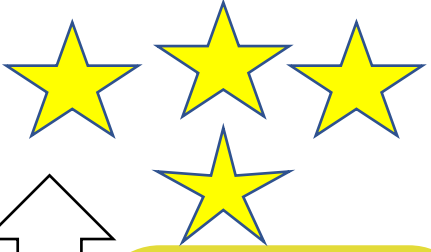
### John 1: 1-3

*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God'*

- The Word refers to the Son of God who entered history as Jesus. Christians believe that the Son of God, the Word of God, was involved in the creation

Many **Liberal Christians** believe the story in Genesis is not scientifically accurate but contains the religious truth that God created the world.  
Some **Fundamental Christians** believe God made the world literally in six days.  
**Some Christians** believe six days is actually six ages.

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**'The Bible provides a complete answer to how the universe was created.'**

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**‘The Bible provides a complete answer to how the universe was created.’**

<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<i>Fundamental Christians believe the Bible is the word of God and, therefore, only accept what it says. God chose to create the universe and planned it as the Bible says.</i>	<i>Liberal Christians believe the Bible offers more of a mythical account of how the universe was created. Although it is the word of God, it needs to be updated to fit with modern ideas of the world.</i>	<i>Fundamental Christians do not accept scientific theories about how the world was created as they conflict with the Bible. As the Big Bang and theory of evolution are not in the Bible they must be wrong.</i>	<i>Liberal Christians believe science and the Bible together can explain the creation of the universe. Science explains <u>how</u> the world was created, while the Bible explains <u>why</u> it was created.</i>	<i>On reflection I do not agree with the statement. Science and the Bible are not in conflict. God created the world but used the Big Bang and theory of evolution to do so.</i>

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# Progress Check

**What is the name of a Christian who believe the creation story is literally true?**

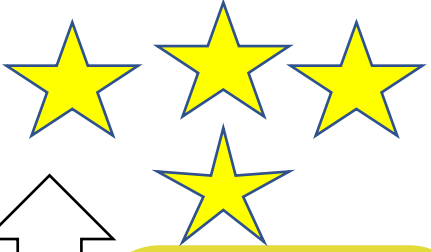
- a) Liberal**
- b) Fundamental**
- c) Orthodox**

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## 5. The Incarnation

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Central to Christian belief is the idea that God took on human form as Jesus. This is known as the incarnation. In John 1:14 it writes *'The Word became flesh and lived amongst us'*

Christians believe Jesus was fully God and fully human- truly the Son of God- one of the persons of the trinity.

### Tasks

1. What does the incarnation mean in Christianity?
2. What does it mean when Christians describe Jesus as the Son of God, Messiah or Christ?

- The gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Mary **conceived Jesus without having sex this is evidence for the Christian belief that Jesus was the Son of God**, part of the Trinity.
  - Some Christians think the Virgin birth isn't literally true and is a **metaphor** to show Jesus is both human and divine.
  - Through the incarnation, God showed himself as a human being (Jesus) for around 30 years
- 'This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.'* Matthew 1:18

### Son of God, Messiah, Christ

- Jesus was **fully God and fully human** which explains his miracles and resurrection. However also fully human as he sheds blood.
- His word, deeds and promises have a great authority because they are the **word of God**.
- Most Jews expected a Messiah who would come to save Israel but do not believe Jesus was that person
- Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah but a spiritual rather than political one.



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**Explain two Christian beliefs about Jesus' incarnation.  
Refer to sacred writings in your answer. (5)**

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**Make a point**

*This is the belief that Jesus was God in human form.*

**Develop it**

**Make a point**

*Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary*

**Develop it**

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**Develop it**

*This is important as it is evidence Jesus is the Son of God.*

**Reference to sacred writings**

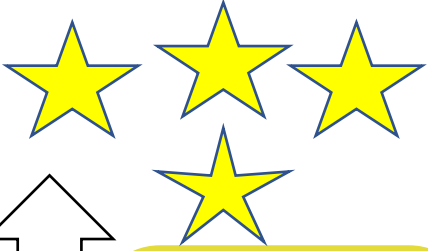
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**Which one of the following means God took human form through Jesus?**

- 1. Divine**
- 2. Omnipotent**
- 3. Incarnation**

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## 6. The Crucifixion

### Why is the crucifixion important?

- Jesus' sacrifice on the cross gives **hope to Christians that their sins will be forgiven** if they repent.
- Christians believe God **understands human suffering** because Jesus who is God, experienced it.
- Christians accept that suffering is a part of life, just as it was a part of Jesus' life.

### Tasks

1. **What do Christians believe about Jesus' crucifixion?**
2. **Why is the crucifixion important to Christians?**

### What happened?

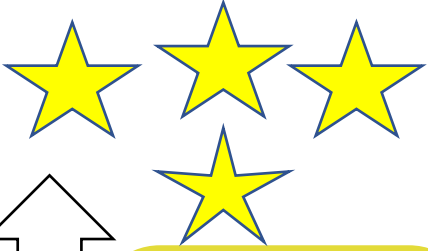
- Although Jesus was fully God, he was also fully human so he suffered pain and horror.
- Jesus' last words before dying were: **'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'** Luke 23:46
- A Roman centurion acknowledged Jesus was innocent, and said he was the **Son of God** (Mark 15:39).
- The Roman guards made sure Jesus was dead.
- Mark says that at the point of death, the **temple curtain tore in two** – believed by some to show that Jesus' death had **destroyed the barrier of sin that separated man from God.**
- Joseph of Arimathea was permitted to bury Jesus in a cave-like tomb, rolling a large stone to block the entrance.
- Jesus' burial was rushed because the Sabbath was about to begin.

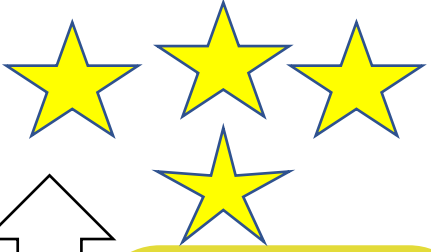
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**‘The crucifixion is the most important belief for Christians.’ Underline the two best arguments.**

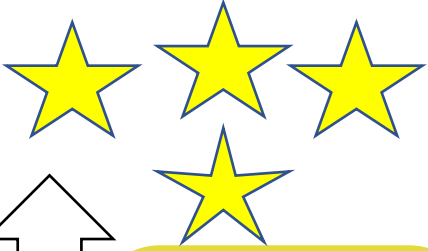
*Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane and brought to trial, first before the Jewish council and then before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. In the gospels it says that Pontius Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of anything, so he didn't want to have him killed. In stead he had him flogged. The Jewish leaders called for Jesus' death, so Pilate gave in to their wishes and sentenced Jesus to death. After about six hours of agony on the cross, Jesus died. A Roman Centurion said that because Jesus was innocent, he must surely be the Son of God. When Jesus died, he took the sins of everyone on himself. This is called atonement. If Jesus had not died, he would not have risen from the dead.'*

# Progress Check

Here are two ways in which Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today:

**1) Their sins are forgiven**

**2) They have hope when they are suffering**



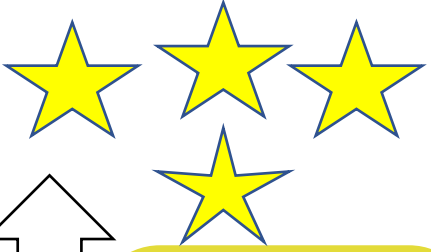
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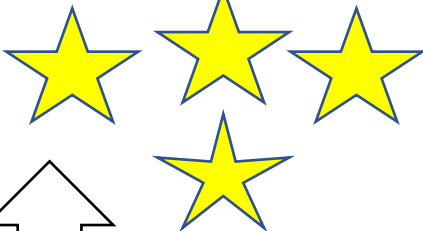
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Here are two ways in which Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today:

- 1) Their sins are forgiven. Jesus' death restored the relationship between people and God.**
- 2) They have hope when they are suffering. God understands human suffering because Jesus, who is the Son of God experienced it.**

# 7. The resurrection



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## What happened?

- Early some on Sunday morning, some of Jesus' followers, including Mary Magdalene, visited the tomb to anoint Jesus' body.
- All three Gospel writers say that the body had gone and the women were told Jesus had risen.
- Mark says a man in white tells the women to return to Galilee to meet the risen Jesus.
- Jesus says a man reveals himself to Mary Magdalene as Jesus himself came back to life and she returns to the disciples to say 'she had seen the risen Jesus'.
- All this is followed by 'resurrection appearances' recorded in Matthew, Luke and John only. During the next 40 days when he appeared he was not always recognised at first but the 'physical' nature of his 'appearances' is always stressed.

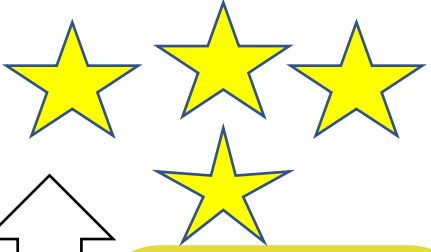
## Why is the resurrection important?

- Shows the power of good over evil and life over death
- Means Christians' sins will be forgiven if they follow God's laws
- Means Christians will be resurrected if they accept Jesus, so there is no need to fear death
- ***'And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...'*** 1 Corinthians 15:14, 20, 22

## Tasks

1. **What do Christians believe about the resurrection of Jesus?**
2. **Why is the resurrection important to Christians today?**





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## 7. The ascension

What happened with Jesus' ascension?

- After meeting with his disciples and asking them to carry on his work, Jesus left them for the last time, returning to the Father in heaven. This event is called the ascension.
- ***'While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven'. Luke 24:51***

The importance of the ascension

- Shows Jesus is with God in heaven
- Paves the way for God to send the Holy Spirit to provide comfort and guidance

### Tasks

1. What is the ascension?
2. Why is the ascension important to Christians?



# Progress Check

**Which of the following terms is used to describe Jesus rising from the dead?**

- a) Resurrection
- b) Crucifixion
- c) Ascension
- d) Salvation

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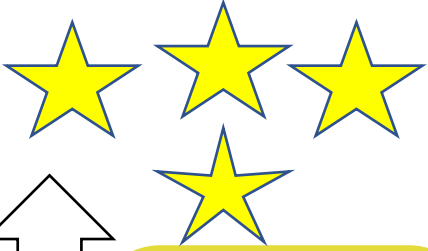
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# Exam Practice

**‘The resurrection is the most important belief for Christians.’**

**Develop this response to the statement by adding a relevant religious teaching or quotation.**

***‘Without the resurrection, there would be no Christian faith. Jesus’ death would have been the end of all the hopes the disciples had placed on him. He would have been just like all the other innocent victims put to death for their beliefs.’***



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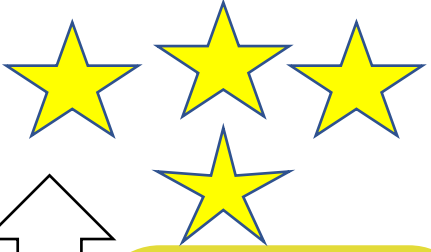
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# Christian Beliefs- Unit Checklist



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Topic	Green	Amber	Red
Different Christian beliefs about creation			
The incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God			
The crucifixion			
The resurrection and life after death			

**Are we feeling more confident with these three topics in Christian Beliefs?  
Are there any areas of concern still?**

**21 April 2022**

**LO: Today I will review the  
Christian Beliefs unit**

Steps to success

I will be able to identify  
my areas for  
improvement in the  
Christian Beliefs unit

I will be able to  
explain the key  
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# Retrieval- Do Now

<b>What are different Christian beliefs about creation?</b>	<b>How is Jesus both fully God and fully human?</b>
<b>Why is the crucifixion important for Christians?</b>	<b>Why is the resurrection important for Christians?</b>



## 8. The resurrection and life after death

### Tasks

1. What are different beliefs about the resurrection?
2. How could the resurrection influence Christians today?

### Different Christian views about resurrection

- Some Christians believe a person's soul is resurrected **soon after death**
- Other Christians believe the dead will be resurrected at **some time in the future** when Jesus will return to judge everyone who has ever lived
- Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe in bodily resurrection. This means resurrection is **both spiritual and physical**: the physical body lost at death is restored and transformed into a new, spiritual body
- Some other Christians believe resurrection will **just be spiritual**, not physical as well

### Impact of the belief in the resurrection:

- Means life after death is **real**.
- Gives **hope** of a future life with Jesus.
- Gives **confidence** in the face of death.
- Shows Christians how much **God loves them**.
- **Inspires Christians** to live life the way God wants so they can go to heaven.

*'So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.'*

**I Corinthians 15:42-44**

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# Exam Practice

**Explain two ways in which a belief in the resurrection influences Christians today. (4)**

**Make a point**

**Develop it**

**Make a point**

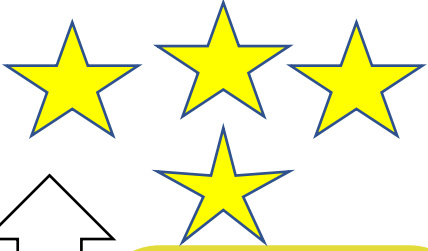
**Develop it**

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# Exam Practice

**Explain two ways in which a belief in the resurrection influences Christians today. (2)**

- 1. Gives hope of a life after death with Jesus**
- 2. Inspires Christians to live in the way God wants.**



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# Exam Practice

**Sort the arguments below into for and against a bodily resurrection.**

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The disciples may have felt Jesus' presence spiritually rather than seeing him physically.

The gospels insist he was not a ghost as he ate with them.

Science has shown the body decays after death so there cannot be a physical resurrection.

Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples.

## 9. The afterlife

Christian belief about life after death vary, but many believe that:

- They will be **resurrected** and receive **eternal life** after they die.
- This is a **gift** from God, and **dependent on faith in God**.
- They will be **judged by God** at some point after they die, and either rewarded by being sent to heaven or punished by being sent to hell.

**How a belief in life after death influences Christians**

- Encourage them to **act in a good way**.
- Encourage them to **believe in Jesus**- go to church, read Bible et c
- **Provide comfort** that this life is not the end.

- Some believe they will be judged straight after death. Others think it will happen on the Day of Judgement when Jesus returns. The **parables of the Rich Man and Lazarus and the Sheep and the Goats are judgement teachings**.
- Before he died Jesus told his disciples he would prepare a place in heaven with God. He also made clear that having faith in him was essential to enter heaven ***'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'*** John 14:6

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### Tasks

1. What do Christians believe about the afterlife and judgement?
2. How does a belief in life after death influence Christians?

# Exam Practice

**Explain two Christian beliefs about judgement.  
(4)**

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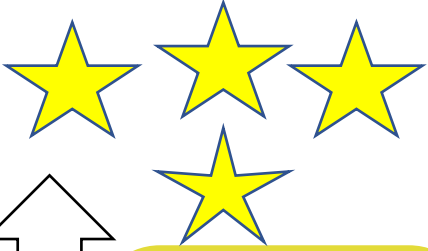
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# Exam Practice

**Explain two Christian beliefs about judgement. (4)**

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**Christians believe when they die God will judge them on their behaviour and actions.**

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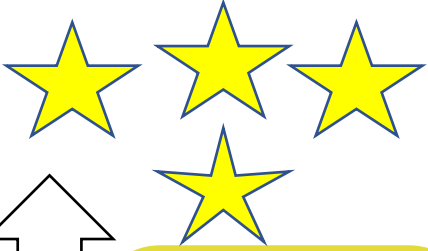
**This is demonstrated in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats when the sheep are rewarded with heaven because they helped others.**

Make a point

**Christians also believe they will be judged on their faith in Jesus.**

Develop it

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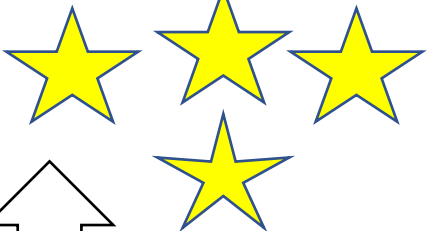
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# 10. Heaven and Hell



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After God's judgement Christians believe they will either experience eternal happiness in the presence of God (heaven) or be unable to experience God's presence (hell). Catholics believe that some people might enter an intermediate state, called purgatory, before they enter heaven.

- **Hell** is often seen as the opposite of heaven- a state of existence without God. It is often pictured as a place of **eternal torment by Satan.**
- However, many people question whether a loving God would condemn people to hell.

- **Heaven** is either thought to be a physical place or a spiritual state of **peace, joy, freedom from pain and a chance to be with loved ones.**
- Traditional images of heaven often show God on a throne with Jesus next to him and angels all around him, or a **garden paradise.**
- **Christians differ on their views** on who is allowed into heaven. Some believe only Christians can go to heaven, others believe Christians and other religious people who have pleased God can go to heaven, others believe only baptised Christians can go to heaven regardless of how they have lived their lives.

**Tasks**  
**Explain the belief heaven, hell and purgatory.**

# Exam Practice

**Give two reasons why some people do not believe in hell. (2)**

- **A loving God would not send anyone to hell.**
- **God is forgiving so would offer everyone a second chance to repent.**

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# 11. Sin and Salvation

A **sin** is a thought or action that separates humans from God. Original sin is the inbuilt to do wrong and disobey God which Catholics believe all people are born with because of Adam and Eve. **Salvation** for Christians refers to being saved from sin and being admitted to heaven. Christians disagree about how this might happen.

## Tasks

1. **Where does sin originate from?**
2. **What is salvation?**
3. **What is salvation through work?**
4. **What is salvation through grace?**

**1. Salvation through works.** This means salvation through doing good works e.g. obeying the law. Christians need to show they are acting on God's words ***'In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action is dead.'*** James 2:17. Many agree with this as it encourages moral behaviour and gives control to human beings in gaining salvation. However, some believe it is arrogant to give human beings this control.

**2. Salvation through grace.** This means salvation is given freely by God through faith in Jesus. It is not deserved or earned, but is a free gift of God's love ***'For it is by grace you have been saved...'*** Ephesians 2:8 Many agree with this as it gives God the control in who gains salvation.

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# Exam Practice

**Explain two Christian beliefs about the means of salvation. Refer to sacred writings in your answer. (5)**

**Make a point**

*Some Christians believe in salvation through grace.*

**Develop it**

**Make a point**

*Some Christians believe in salvation through faith.*

**Develop it**

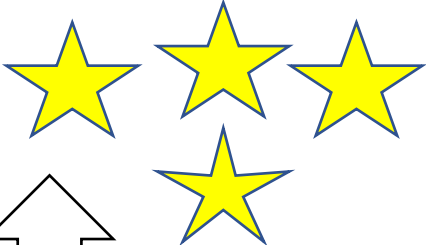
**Reference to sacred writings**

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**Make a point**

*Some Christians believe in salvation through grace.*

**Develop it**

*This means salvation is given freely by God through faith in Jesus.*

**Make a point**

*Some Christians believe in salvation through faith.*

**Develop it**

*This means salvation through doing good works e.g. obeying the law.*

**Reference to sacred writings**

*In Ephesians it says 'For it is by grace you have been saved...'*

# Exam Practice

**‘As nobody is perfect, it is impossible not to sin.’  
Evaluate this argument and explain your reasoning.**

*‘It is perfectly possible to live a good life without sin. Jesus lived his life without sin. Many saints have lived good and courageous lives without acting badly to other people. It is true that nobody is totally perfect, but that’s different. Sin separates you from God and goes against God’s laws, and there are many people who stay close to God and keep his commandments so I disagree with the statement.’*

**In evaluating this argument consider-**

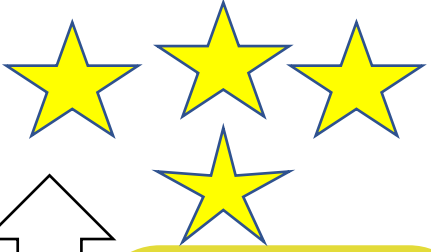
- 1. Is it persuasive?**
- 2. Why might somebody disagree with this argument?**

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## 12. Christ's role in salvation

### The role of Jesus in salvation

Christians believe Jesus' life, death and resurrection had a crucial role to play in God's plan for salvation because:

- Jesus' crucifixion **made up for the original sin.**
- The death of Jesus, as an innocent man, was necessary to **restore the relationship between God and believers**, to bring them **salvation.**
- **Jesus' resurrection shows the goodness of Jesus defeated the evil of sin.** It was proof that God had accepted Jesus' sacrifice on behalf of humankind and that humans can now receive **forgiveness for their sins.**
- Jesus' death and resurrection made it possible for all who follow his teachings to gain eternal life ***'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'*** Romans 6:23

- **Atonement** removes the effects of sin and allows people to restore their relationships with God.
- Many Christians believe that through the sacrifice of his death Jesus took the sins of all humanity on himself and paid the debts for them all. **He atoned for the sins of humanity.** This made it possible for people to go to heaven.

- ### Tasks
1. **What do Christians believe about the role of Jesus in salvation?**
  2. **What is the Christian belief in atonement?**

# Exam Practice

**Give two reasons why the death and resurrection of Jesus is important to Christians.  
(2)**

- **Jesus' death made up for the original sin of Adam and Eve.**
- **Jesus' resurrection was proof that his sacrifice was accepted by God.**

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# Exam Practice

Here are some sentences that could be used to evaluate the statement,

**‘Salvation is God’s greatest gift to humans.’**

1. Sort them into arguments to support and oppose.

What do you think is missing from this answer to gain full marks?

Some people need forgiveness from God

Without salvation, humankind would have to pay the price of human sin

Some people may doubt the truth of Jesus’ resurrection so they don’t see the need for a belief in salvation

There are greater gifts e.g. nature or life itself

Without salvation humans would have to pay the price of human sin.

Some people may question if God is loving if God demands the death of his Son in payment for human sin.

I will be able to identify key areas for improvement

There isn’t any specific Christian reference to scripture or a conclusion!

Key element of the Christian Beliefs unit

Steps to success

# Christian Beliefs- Unit Checklist

Topic	Green	Amber	Red
The nature of God			
God as omnipotent, loving and just			
The Oneness of God and the Trinity			
Different Christian beliefs about Creation			
The incarnation and Jesus, the Son of God			
The crucifixion			
The resurrection and ascension			
Resurrection and life after death			
The afterlife and judgement			
Heaven and hell			
Sin and salvation			
The role of Christ in salvation			

I will be able to identify my area for improvement in my Christian beliefs

Let's review our checklist!

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