

Christian Beliefs

1. The nature of God

'We believe in on God.' Nicene Creed

2. God as omnipotent, loving and just

Omnipotent: *'For with God nothing shall be impossible.'* Luke 1:37

Loving: *'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.'* John 3:16

Just: *'Don't take it on yourself to repay a wrong. Trust the Lord and He will make it right.'*
Proverbs 20:22

3. The oneness of God and the Trinity

'Go therefore make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Matthew 28:19

4. Different Christian beliefs about creation

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was 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.' Genesis 1:1-3

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.' John 1:1-3

5. Incarnation

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.' John 1:14

6. Crucifixion

'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' Luke 23:46

'And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said Truly this man was the Son of God.' Mark 15:39

7. The Resurrection and Ascension

Resurrection: *'And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile...If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.'* 1 Corinthians 15: 17,19

Ascension: *'While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.'* Luke 24:51

8. The Resurrection and Life after Death

'So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that sown 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.' 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

9. The afterlife and judgement

'He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead:

I believe in...

*the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.'* The Apostles Creed

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...' Matthew 25:35-36 (Parable of the Sheep and Goats)

'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.'
John 14:6

10. Heaven and Hell

Heaven: *'wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'* Revelation 21:4

Hell: *'throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'* Matthew 13:50.

11. Sin and Salvation

Salvation through work: *'In the same way, faith by itself if not accompanied by action is dead.'* James 2:17

Salvation through grace: *'For it is by grace you have been saved.'* Ephesians 2:8

12. The role of Christ in salvation

'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.'
Romans 6:23