

# CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS

Topic	Christian Belief
Trinity	God exists eternally in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are one in essence and equal in power and glory. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 43:10, Is 44:6, Is. 44:8, Isaiah. 45:5, 1 Timothy 2:5
Creation	There is one being of God who is creator and maker of the universe. Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Ps. 102:25-27; Psalm 33:8-9; Psalm 148:5; Rev. 4:11
Bible	The 66 books of the Bible is the inspired Word of God, His revealed truth and is the infallible rule of faith for our lives and the standard we test truth claims. 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 18:18; 1 Corinthians 2:18; John 14:26; John 16:13; Acts 17:11; Matthew 15:3
Human Sinfulness	Man was created by God in His image, free as to choice and responsible to his Creator. Tempted by Satan, he separated himself from God by voluntary disobedience. As a consequence, all men are born with a sinful nature and have need of reconciliation with God. Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:10, 23
Salvation	Man can be saved from the consequence of sin, which is eternal death, by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and in repentance of sin. Man cannot earn nor work for his salvation. When one is saved he is said to be “born again” by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. We affirm the 5 Solas: sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone). John 1:11, 12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 4:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:15-3:14
Virgin Birth	Matthew 1:18

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Humanity of Jesus	Jesus is fully man in his human nature. John 1:14; Heb. 2:17-18; Heb. 4:15; Was born-Luke 1:35; 2:6-7; needed food Luke 4:2, needed rest-John 4:6; Needed sleep Luke 8:23; Died-John 19:33
Deity of Jesus	God has revealed Himself to man in the person of Jesus Christ. He is fully God and fully man. John 1:1, Titus 2:13; Jer. 17:10/Rev 2:18; Ps. 102:25-27/Heb. 1:10-12; John 1:14
Substitutionary Atonement	Isaiah 53:5; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Cor. 5:21' 1 Pet. 2:24;1 Pet. 3:18;
Bodily resurrection of Jesus	Mark 16:19; Matthew 28;Luke 28:6,9;Luke 24:31-43;Matt. 25:1-30; John 20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Return of Christ	The Lord will come visibly again for both salvation and judgment. Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30; 1 Timothy 2:5-8; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22-23; John 9:39;1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15;
The Church	The Greek word for church is Ekklesia which is an assembly of believers (followers of Jesus). The assembly of believers joined to Christ's spiritual body by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) at the moment of regeneration (Tit. 3:3-6), when an individual place their faith in the Lord Jesus as their savior (Acts 16:31). If still on earth they are members of a local church that meet regularly (Heb. 10:25) for edification (Eph. 4:12), worship (John 4:24), and participation in the ordinances. Paul addresses most of these in his epistles (e.g. "to the church of God which is in Corinth"- 1 Cor. 1:2). The local building is the physical church and the invisible Church is the Spiritual House – Christ is the chief cornerstone and the apostles are the foundation. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:11-21; Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8; Eph. 2:20

Core Christian doctrines:

## **God**

There is one God who is creator and maker of the universe. He exists eternally in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are one in essence and equal in power and glory.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; John 17:21; Ephesians 4:6. God is the creator of everything (Isaiah 44:24; Psalm 102:25-27 /Heb. 1:10-12; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-20; Heb. 1:3. Rev. 4:11)

## **Jesus**

Second person in the Trinity. God has revealed Himself to man in the person of Jesus Christ. He is fully God and fully man, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, sinless in His life, making substitutionary atonement for our sins by His death on the cross and vindicated by God in His bodily resurrection, ascended to heaven to sit at God's right hand as our Intercessor and as our Advocate.

Hebrews 1:8; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6. Four key Christological doctrines- 1) incarnation (God the Son became a man without ceasing to be God, 2) Trinity, 3) Kenosis -Phil 2:5-11

## **Holy Spirit**

Third person in the Trinity. God is present in the world today in the person of the Holy Spirit who draws us to faith in Jesus and who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. He indwells the believer which empowers him to manifest the likeness and character of Christ. He gives spiritual gifts to the church for our mutual edification.

John 16:7-15; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 12:7

## **Mankind**

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## **Sin and Salvation**

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John 1:11, 12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 2 Peter 3:9

## **Bible**

The Bible is God’s perfect word. It is our infallible rule of faith and we test everything to the Bible 2 Tim 3:14-17 ; 2 Peter 1:20-21 Gal 1:8-9; Acts 17:10-11; Matt 15: 3/ Isaiah 29:13