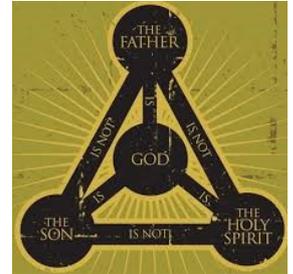


CHRISTIANITY

There are a number of things that followers of Jesus Christ believe with regard to their faith and this leaflet aims to highlight just a few of these beliefs.

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1. Christians believe in ONE God eternally existent in three persons - the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



2. Christians believe that mankind was created to have a relationship with God. However sin separates us from God and as sinners we cannot please God.

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

2. Christians believe that Jesus walked this earth, fully God and yet fully man and died on the cross.

Philippians 2:6-8 *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!*



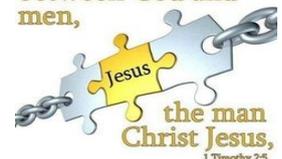
4. Christians believe Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the third day following His death (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) and that He now lives at the right hand of God, making intercession for believers forever.

Hebrews 7:25 *Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

5. Christians believe that a relationship with God is possible because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:25 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

For there is one God
and one mediator
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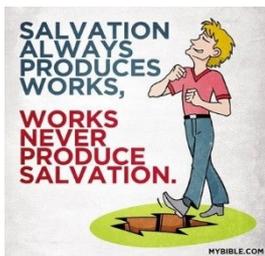
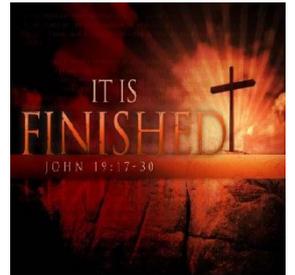
6. Christians believe that Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient to pay the sin debt owed by all men and this is what restores the broken relationship between God and man (Hebrews 9:11-14; Romans 6:23).

Colossians 2:14 *having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

Romans 5:8 *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Hebrews 10:10 *we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

7. Christians believe that in order to be saved and be granted entrance into heaven when we die, we must place our faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross. When we believe that Jesus died in our place and paid the price of our sins, and rose again, we receive our salvation and the new birth that Jesus spoke of (John 3:3).



8. Christians believe that though we can do nothing to earn our salvation, good works are a natural result of an authentic saving faith

2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

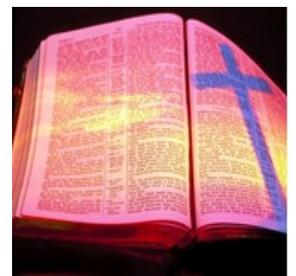
James 2:26 *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

9. Christians believe that salvation is both freedom from the old sin nature and freedom to pursue a right relationship with God. We will continue to struggle with sin but we can have victory in the struggle by applying God's Word in our lives and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our lives.



10. Christians believe that the Bible is the inspired, "God-breathed" Word of God written by people under the control of the Holy Spirit. It is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*



11. Christians believe in one, holy and universal Church to which all who receive salvation belong.

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

What about you. Why not explore Christianity some more. Ask questions about others faith. Find out how you can be filled with the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. As Christians we are all reminded that we should be ready to share what makes us tick!

1 Peter 3:15b-16a

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

