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CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is one of the world's largest religions, with over 2.4 billion followers worldwide. People who follow Christianity are called Christians. They believe in one God and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, whom they consider to be the Son of God. Christianity teaches love, kindness, forgiveness, and faith in God.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Jesus Christ is the central figure of Christianity. He was born over 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, and Christians believe he was sent by God to guide people on how to live a good and faithful life.

Jesus is known for:

- Performing miracles, such as healing the sick, walking on water, and feeding large crowds with small amounts of food.
- Teaching in parables, which are short stories with moral lessons. Examples include:
- The Good Samaritan – A lesson about showing kindness, even to strangers.
- The Prodigal Son – A story about forgiveness and redemption.
- The Parable of the Lost Sheep – A reminder that God cares for everyone, even those who have lost their way.

Jesus was arrested, put on trial, and crucified (nailed to a cross) by the Roman authorities. Christians believe that three days after his death, he rose from the dead—an event called the Resurrection. This is the most important event in Christianity because it signifies Jesus' victory over sin and death, bringing hope to all believers.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Christianity is a monotheistic religion, which means Christians believe in only one God. They believe that God is loving, just, and forgiving.

Christian beliefs include:

- The Holy Trinity – Christians believe in one God, but they see Him in three forms:
- God the Father – The Creator of the universe.



- God the Son (Jesus Christ) – God in human form, who came to Earth to teach and save humanity.
- God the Holy Spirit – The presence of God in the world, guiding and helping believers.
- Salvation – Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection allow people to be forgiven for their sins and have eternal life with God.
- Life after death – Christians believe in an afterlife, where people will be rewarded or judged based on their faith and actions.
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THE PLACE OF WORSHIP – THE CHURCH

Christians worship in churches, which can vary in design depending on the denomination. Many churches have:

- A cross, the main symbol of Christianity, represents Jesus' sacrifice.
- An altar, where prayers and religious ceremonies take place.
- Stained-glass windows, often depicting Bible stories.

Church services are usually held on Sundays, which is considered a holy day. A typical service includes:

- Prayers – Speaking to God, asking for guidance, and expressing gratitude.
- Hymns – Religious songs of praise.
- Bible readings – Passages from the Bible to learn about God's teachings.
- A sermon – A message given by a priest or pastor to explain Christian beliefs.

THE HOLY BOOK – THE BIBLE

The Bible is the sacred text of Christianity. It is divided into two main sections:

- The Old Testament – This contains Jewish scriptures and tells the story of creation, early history, and laws given to the people of Israel.
- The New Testament – This includes the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as well as letters written by his followers to guide early Christians.

The Bible teaches moral values, encourages faith in God, and provides guidance for daily life.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Christianity has many symbols that hold deep meanings. Some of the most important include:

- The Cross – A reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.
- The Ichthys (Fish Symbol) – Used by early Christians as a secret sign of faith.
- The Dove – A symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit.

MAIN CELEBRATIONS



Christians celebrate several important events throughout the year. The two most significant are:

- Christmas (25th December) – Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time of joy, giving, and worship. Many Christians attend church services, sing carols, and exchange gifts.
- Easter – The most important Christian holiday, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection. Easter Sunday is a joyful occasion that reminds Christians of hope and new life.

Other Christian celebrations include:

- Good Friday – The day Jesus was crucified.
- Pentecost – Marks the moment Christians believe the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers, giving them strength to spread his teachings.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Christianity teaches many important values, including:

- Love – Caring for others unconditionally.
- Forgiveness – Letting go of anger and resentment.
- Honesty – Being truthful in all situations.
- Compassion – Helping those in need.
- Faith – Trusting in God, even in difficult times.

CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

Christianity is divided into different groups, known as denominations. While they all believe in Jesus Christ, they may have different traditions and ways of worshipping. The three largest Christian denominations are:

- Catholicism – The largest group, led by the Pope in Rome. Catholic churches are known for their traditions, saints, and sacraments like Communion and Confession.
- Protestantism – A group that includes many churches, such as Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and Lutheran. Protestants believe in the Bible as the main authority and focus on personal faith.
- Orthodox Christianity – Found mostly in Eastern Europe and Russia, with grand churches, icons, and ancient traditions.

Despite their differences, all Christian groups share the belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

CHRISTIANITY AROUND THE WORLD

Christianity has spread across the globe and has influenced history, culture, art, and laws. Many hospitals, schools, and charities were founded by Christians to help people in need. Organizations such as Christian Aid, The Salvation Army, and World Vision work to fight poverty and provide relief worldwide.



Christianity continues to be a guiding force for millions of people, inspiring them to live with love, kindness, and faith.

WHY IS CHRISTIANITY IMPORTANT?

Christianity has shaped the world in many ways. It has inspired people to help others, build schools and hospitals, and work for peace and justice. Many charities today, such as Christian Aid and The Salvation Army, help people in need because of Christian values.

Christians try to follow Jesus' example by being loving, forgiving, and kind to everyone.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Holy Trinity, and why is it important in Christianity?
2. Why is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ a central event for Christians?
3. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament in the Bible?
4. What are some important Christian values and why are they significant?
5. What are the three main Christian denominations, and what makes them different from each other?