



Year 10 Half Term 1 - What do Christians believe?

This unit is intended to give pupils a chance to investigate some key topics in the GCSE and practise these skills. It is focused on the Christian beliefs unit, which is part of Paper 1, and looks at God's nature, the creation of the world, the afterlife, and the problem of evil.

1. Nature of God	A term used when discussing what God is like. I.e. powerful, all knowing etc.	14. Liberal Christian	A Christian that believes that the Bible is inspired by God but requires interpretation from a modern perspective.
2. Christian	A follower of Christianity.	15. Universalist	A person that believes that all people go to heaven.
3. Catholic	A group of Christians whose leader is the Pope. A very traditional group.	16. Theodicy	An attempt to explain evil in the world if God is loving.
4. Protestant	A group of Christians that have a variety of different beliefs and practices. Some can be more traditional, or can include more liberal beliefs.	17. Irenaean Theodicy	The belief that suffering produces stronger and better humans.
5. Church of England	A Protestant group that is the biggest group of Christians in the UK.	18. Augustinian Theodicy	The belief that evil does not exist, and instead a lack of goodness.
6. Monotheistic	The belief in only one God.	19. Free Will defence	The belief that evil is necessary so that humans have choices between what is right and wrong.
7. Trinity	The belief that God is made of three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	20. Just	A person or thing that promotes fairness.
8. Baptism of Jesus	An event where we see the Trinity in the Bible. When Jesus (the Son) is baptised, a voice from Heaven (the Father), and a dove (the Holy Spirit) are present.	21. Suffering	The act of undergoing pain or hardship in life.
9. Omnipotent	All-powerful	22. Genesis	The first book of the Bible
10. Omniscient	All-knowing	23. Heaven	An eternal place with God. In the last book of the Bible it is shown as a Holy City.
11. Omnibenevolent	All-loving	24. Hell	A place of separation from God. Imagery in the Bible can include a place of fire and eternal suffering.
12. Creationism	The belief that the world was made 6,000 years ago by God in 6 days.	25. Purgatory	Believed by Catholics to be a place of purification. Some people may go there to burn away sins before entering heaven.
13. Literalist Christian	A Christian that believes that the Bible is a literal and factual account of history.	26. Problem of Evil	A philosophical problem. Why do we have evil in the world?



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