












GCSE – ‘Christian Beliefs and Teachings’ Knowledge organiser



Key Words	
<p>Ascension</p> <p>Jesus returning to be with God in heaven after the crucifixion</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40 days Jesus ascending to heaven - 	<p>Omnipotent</p> <p>God’s nature as all-powerful</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God is powerful - <i>“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jonah and the whale – proves Gods power!</i>
<p>Atonement</p> <p>Making things better after sinning, asking for forgiveness from God</p> <p>Key words to link in when explaining atonement: Redeemer = someone who pays the price to buy something back, like paying a ransom. Redemption = being saved from sin. Saviour = Someone who rescues someone else from danger. Salvation = saving from sin through faith in Christ.</p>	<p>Original Sin</p> <p>The built-in tendency to do wrong which comes from Eve’s disobedience</p>  <p><i>“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour”</i></p>
<p>Benevolent</p> <p>God’s nature as all-loving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God loves us like a father. 	<p>Resurrection</p> <p>Jesus returning from the dead after he was crucified</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remember what happened to Aslan – he was crucified and rose from the dead to ascend to heaven! - This is what Christians believe what happened to Jesus.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humans die and the soul is judged from heaven or hell. - Jesus’ body was kept in a tomb. Mary Madelene discovered Jesus had resurrected  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus spoke to the disciples many times in the 40 days before ascension. The last is important - Last = mount olives Jesus said <i>“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”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples and told them to spread the word of him - This event is celebrated on Easter Sunday <p><i>“He is risen”</i> – Christians say this to each other on Easter Sunday</p>
<p>Just</p> <p>God’s nature as fair</p>	
<p>Monotheism – one God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christians believe in one God who is the creator and the sustainer of all that exists. 	
<p>The Problem of Suffering</p> <p>If God is all these things why do they allow bad things to happen to good and innocent people?</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irenaeus does not deny that evil exists in the world. • Irenaeus does not deny God allows evil to exist. • He states evil exists in the world in order to bring about the greater good which is human freedom and a relationship with God. • Evil is part of the process towards becoming more like God <p><i>“God places the heaviest burdens on those who can carry its weight”</i></p>	
<p>Freewill defence:</p> <p>We have to suffer evil because we have God’s gift of freewill – if we didn’t have freewill, we would be like puppets or robots.</p>	
<p>Crucifixion</p> <p>Jesus’ execution by the Romans on the cross.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to preach and he was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate - Jesus was then nailed to a cross where he died. 	<p>Salvation</p> <p>Being saved from sin and given eternal life in heaven by God</p>



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- In his last moments Jesus was able to forgive those who were killing him showing Christians how important **forgiveness** is **“Today you will be with me in paradise”** – this is what Jesus said to the criminal.



- This event is remembered on Good Friday.

“Forgive them father, they know not what they do” – Luke 23:34.



- The last supper when Jesus said the bread was his body and wine was his blood is now reacted by Christians to remember.



- **Salvation** is the idea that Jesus’s crucifixion saves human beings from eternal damnation.

A Christian achieve Salvation (saved from sin and granted eternal life in heaven) by doing these 3 things:

1. Following Bible teachings

E.g **“Give to the poor and you will receive treasure in heaven”** and following the teachings of the **Parables**

2. Following the works of Jesus

E.g Role model – forgiving and helping the poor

2. Listening to their conscience

E.g. **“Your body is a temple of the holy spirit”**

Incarnation

God becoming flesh in the form of Jesus Christ

- Christians believe that God was **incarnated** (born) in human form as **Jesus Christ**.



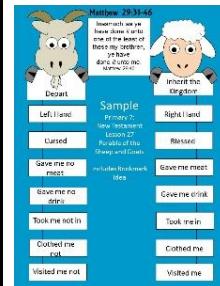
- **Mary** was impregnated by the Holy Spirit and gave birth as a virgin – for Christians this is proof of Jesus’ status as the son of God.



- **Christmas** is the festival that celebrates the incarnation **“The word became flesh”** – John 1:14

Sin

Any thought or action which goes against God’s will



- Christians believe you are **judged** after you die. God decides if you go to **heaven** or **hell**.

Parable of the sheep and goats explains this,

- God gave humans **free will** but they should use that freedom to make good

choices and not sin



The death of Jesus made up for **original sin** – the idea that we were all damned by Eve’s choice to disobey God – it allows us to atone for sins and reach eternal life in heaven

Trinity
Father,
Son and
Holy Spirit

A central belief for all Christians is the belief in the **Trinity**. Christians believe that **God is one** but exists in three different 'persons'. God the **Father**, the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**. Christians believe that these **three persons** also form a **unity** whom were all present during the creation of the world and that each person has a different role.

The word Trinity comes from the **prefix 'tri'** meaning **'three'** and **'unity'** meaning **'one'**.

The Father

This is the part of God that is the **creator** of the world. The giver of life and of law.



The Son

This is the part of God that was **incarnated** as a human and was the **salvation** of man.



The Holy Spirit

This is the part of God that is active within the world.



“We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit” – The Nicene Creed