

# CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS AND TEACHING; KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

## KEYWORDS

|                                              |                                               |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <u>Omnipotent</u>                            | All powerful                                  |
| <u>Omniscient</u>                            | All knowing                                   |
| <u>Omnibenevolent</u>                        | All Loving, kind, good                        |
| <u>Immanent</u>                              | God is involved and acting in the world today |
| <u>Transcendent</u>                          | God is over and above the universe            |
| <u>Incarnate</u>                             | God became flesh in Jesus                     |
| <u>Just</u>                                  | God's justice and fairness                    |
| <u>Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit</u> | God is three in one                           |
| <u>Creation</u>                              | God created the world – book of Genesis       |
| <u>Crucifixion</u>                           | Jesus was crucified on the cross              |
| <u>Resurrection</u>                          | Jesus rose from the dead back to life         |
| <u>Atonement</u>                             | Becoming 'at one' with God again              |
| <u>Salvation</u>                             | Jesus died so we might be saved               |
| <u>Grace</u>                                 | God's gift of love to humanity –              |
| <u>Judgement</u>                             | God is judge – end of the world               |
| <u>Reconciliation/Forgiveness</u>            | Say sorry for your actions and make amends    |

## NATURE OF GOD – What he described as

Omnipotent – Calming of the storm and “Nothing is impossible with God”  
Omni benevolence – forgiving father Parable of the Lost Son. “God is love”  
Just – 10 Commandments, God's Judgement – Parable of the Sheep and Goats Prophet Amos said - “Let Justice roll on like a river”

PROBLEM OF EVIL (JL Mackie – inconsistent triad) – How can God be both all loving and powerful and yet evil exists. The story of Job tries to reconcile this issue with explaining how suffering is a part of God's plan – “the lord gives and the lord takes away”. Christians also argue that evil is just a privation – a lack of good

## Biblical Accounts of Creation

How was the universe created? The bible begins with Genesis and the story of God creating the world. A timeline of 6 days ensue where He displays his power through his creation, light, stars, planets, plants and animals. Finally humans are created. The last of all his creation; in his image and with Free will

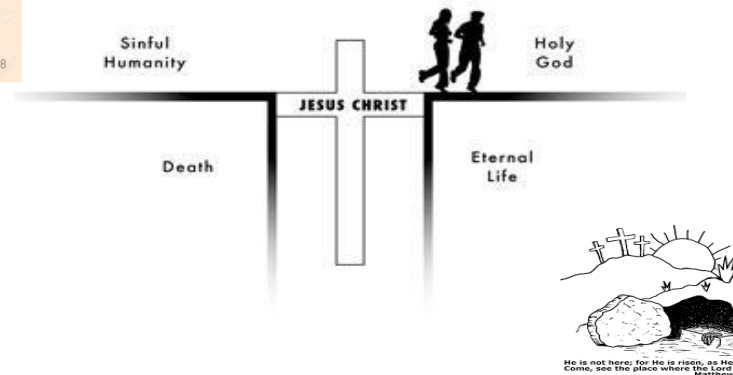
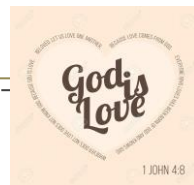
Most Christians see this story as a wonderful **metaphor** for God's power. They see it as an **allegorical** tale which teaches Christians about the importance of God's creation rather than being perfect timeline. Thus allowing a more scientific view of the world and its origin's e.g. the big bang.

Other Christians see this as a **literal** account. They are **fundamental** in their belief that the earth is around 5000 years old. This literal account means that each 'day' is seen as 24 hours long.

**THE TRINITY**; this belief is held by almost all Christians. It is how they explain how God is fully human in the form of Jesus and also how his power is felt in the world today through the Holy Spirit. There is **one** God but **three** persons in the union.

**Key Teachings**; “God who is father, son and Holy Ghost”  
When Jesus was baptised the Holy Spirit descended and said... “You are my Son”  
“Our father in heaven”  
“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”  
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God” John's Gospel

**INFLUENCES; Q3** All of these ideas about GOD influence Christians in how they act and feel in their daily lives. FOR EXAMPLE – Jesus being the son of God might influence Christians to **follow in his example** in order to get into heaven and achieve salvation. For example, they might be charitable and show love to their neighbour.



## Salvation and Sin

Salvation – restoring the broken relationship between God and humanity  
Atonement – The death of Jesus brings us back to God. We can live through him  
Law God's laws allow us to follow the path which brings us back to him. He shows us how he wants us to behave  
Sin Going against what God wants  
Grace God's love for humans is blinding – we are not worthy and yet he gives it.



## JESUS CHRIST

Messiah – anointed one. Also means that Jesus is the 'King'  
Son Of God Jesus is God incarnate  
Lord and Saviour Jesus is the saviour sent by God to atone for our sins  
Agape The Christian love which Jesus shows through the parables in the Bible  
Miracles actions performed by Jesus which display his Godly power on earth - immanence

## Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension

Christ was born of a virgin, the **incarnation** of God. This is remembered by Christians at Christmas

Jesus was found guilty by the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilot and sentenced to death. He was tortured and humiliated and **crucified**. As he died a Roman Soldier cried out “surely this is the son of God”. He paid the ransom for our sin through his **sacrifice**

After he was laid in the tomb two women went to bathe his body and they found the tomb empty. Jesus has **resurrected** from the dead. He appeared many times and gave told his disciples to “go forth and baptise all men in the name of the father son and Holy Spirit.

**Ascension**; after 40 days Jesus rose up to heaven in view of a crowd of disciples.

**Pentecost** the Holy Spirit descended to earth after Jesus' ascension.