

OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIANITY



KEY PERSON, DATE, LOCATION

JESUS CHRIST

FOUNDED ABOUT AD 30-33, IN THE JUDEAN PROVINCE OF PALESTINE (ISRAEL TODAY), UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE | FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST BECAME KNOWN AS CHRISTIANS

KEY WRITINGS

THE BIBLE, WRITTEN ORIGINALLY IN HEBREW AND ARAMAIC (OLD TESTAMENT), AND GREEK (NEW TESTAMENT)

WHO IS GOD?

GOD IS TRIUNE IN NATURE (ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS, NOT THREE GODS | FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

OFTEN THE TITLE "GOD" DESIGNATES THE FIRST PERSON, GOD THE FATHER

GOD IS A SPIRITUAL BEING WITHOUT A PHYSICAL BODY

GOD IS PERSONAL AND INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE

GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE OUT OF NOTHING

GOD IS ETERNAL, CHANGELESS, HOLY, LOVING, AND PERFECT

WHO IS JESUS?

JESUS IS GOD, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY

AS GOD JESUS, HAS ALWAYS EXISTED AND WAS NEVER CREATED

JESUS IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN (THE TWO NATURES JOINED, NOT MIXED)

AS THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY, JESUS IS COEQUAL WITH GOD THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

IN BECOMING A MAN, JESUS WAS BEGOTTEN THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER, SALVATION, AND ETERNAL LIFE

JESUS DIED ON A CROSS ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN, AS THE FULL SACRIFICE AND PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY, SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY IMMORTAL

FOR THE NEXT 40 DAYS JESUS WAS SEEN BY MORE THAN 500 EYE-WITNESSES

JESUS' WOUNDS WERE TOUCHED AND HE ATE MEALS

JESUS PHYSICALLY ASCENDED TO HEAVEN

JESUS WILL COME AGAIN VISIBLY AND PHYSICALLY AT THE END OF THE WORLD TO ESTABLISH GOD'S KINGDOM AND JUDGE THE WORLD

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD, THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON, NOT A FORCE OR ENERGY

THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE HEARTS OF CHRISTIANS

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS, GRIEVES, REPROVES, CONVICTS, GUIDES, AND TEACHES

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT THE FATHER, NOR IS HE THE SON, JESUS CHRIST

HOW TO BE SAVED

SALVATION IS BY GOD'S GRACE, NOT BY AN INDIVIDUAL'S GOOD WORKS

SALVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FAITH | PEOPLE MUST BELIEVE IN THEIR HEARTS THAT JESUS DIED FOR THEIR SINS AND PHYSICALLY ROSE AGAIN, WHICH IS THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

THIS IS GOD'S LOVING PLAN TO FORGIVE SINFUL PEOPLE

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

BELIEVERS GO TO BE WITH JESUS

AFTER DEATH, ALL PEOPLE AWAIT THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

BOTH SAVED AND LOST PEOPLE WILL BE RESURRECTED

THOSE WHO ARE SAVED WILL LIVE WITH JESUS IN HEAVEN

THOSE WHO ARE LOST WILL SUFFER TORMENT OF ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD (HELL)

JESUS' BODILY RESURRECTION GUARANTEES BELIEVERS THAT THEY, TOO, WILL BE RESURRECTED AND RECEIVE NEW IMMORTAL BODIES

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

GROUP WORSHIP, USUALLY IN CHURCHES

NO SECRET RITES

BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)

ACTIVE VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY EFFORTS

AID TO THOSE IN NEED: THE POOR, WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND DOWNTRODDEN

CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH PROMISED TO ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

JESUS SAID HIS FOLLOWERS WOULD BE KNOWN BY THEIR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER