

1: KEY WORDS

- **Sin**- Is any thought or action that separates humans from God. It is behaviour that is against God's laws
- **Original sin**- Some Christians (particularly Catholics) believe this is the in-built tendency to do wrong and disobey God and sin.
- **The Fall**- the original sin that separation humanity from God. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. God punished Adam and Eve for their actions, and the punishment was to endure suffering in life.
- **Ascension**-Forty days after he rose from the dead Jesus ascended (went up) into heaven.
- **Reconciliation**- is the process of bringing together people who are opposed to one another. In Christianity, it is associated with Jesus reconciling humanity with God through his death.

2: RESURRECTION – SOURCES

- *'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!'* Luke's Gospel
- *'...the resurrection of the body, and life every lasting.'* The Creed
- *'For God so loved the world that that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* John's Gospel
- *'...death has been swallowed up in victory'* Corinthians

3: RESURRECTION

- After Jesus was died and was buried on Good Friday Christians believe he rose from the dead three days later, this is the resurrection.
- Early on the Sunday three women visited his tomb expecting to find his body but it was not there.
- After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples before his ascension and told them to spread the word of him.

Significance:

- It shows that God is omnipotent and has power over death itself.
- It shows that Jesus was the Son of God.
- Shows that Jesus defeated death. Christians need no longer fear death.
- It is the fulfilment of Old Testament prophesies.
- It is the miracle that the entire Gospels rest on.
- Without the resurrection, there is no faith.

4: SALVATION AND ATONEMENT

- God gave his only son, Jesus, so that all humans could be saved.
- Jesus was a perfect human - he had no sin.
- God placed the sins of the world upon him at his crucifixion.
- Jesus' actions meant that there was reconciliation between God and humanity - his death atoned / made up (paid) for human sin.
- Christians believe that this process shows how loving God is as he gave his only son to save humanity. It also shows that he is able to forgive humans.

5: SALVATION THROUGH THE LAW AND SPIRIT

Good works through the law:

- Through doing good works (actions) the Bible makes it clear salvation comes from faith and obeying God's law. The Old Law is the Old Testament including the 10 Commandments. The New Law was given by Jesus to love (agape) like Jesus. *"Love one another as I have loved you."*
- *"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."* James

The Spirit:

- 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, he sent the Spirit to Earth- this is called Pentecost.
- God's spirit is present in the world and guides them to achieve salvation by helping them to follow God's teachings, comforting them and strengthening them daily.

SALVATION THROUGH GRACE

- Grace is the unconditional gift of God's benevolence even though people may not be deserving of it.
- Salvation does not need to be earned. It is the gift of God's grace. It can be achieved by believing in God and his Son Jesus Christ.
- *'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is the gift of God.'* Ephesians