

## 1. What is Christianity?

- **Christianity**- a religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ
- **Christ** -a title given to Jesus meaning 'anointed/chosen one'
- **Christian** – a person who has received Christian baptism/ is a believer in Christianity/ follower of Christ
- **Bible** – the Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testament
- **Sin**- an act against God. Christians believe it is sin that separates humanity from God
- **Forgiveness of sin**- Christians believe Jesus died on the cross to forgive human sin
- The first time anyone was called a Christian is recorded in the Bible.  
***"It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians".*** (Acts 11:26).

## 2: What is it to have belief?

- **Belief**- an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof. To have trust, faith, or confidence in (someone or something)
- **Affirmation**- statement of the existence of truth
- **Monotheism**- belief in the existence of one God
- **The cross**- is the main Christian symbol expressing the belief that Jesus died and resurrected (rose from the dead)
- **Prophet**- is someone chosen by God to speak on behalf of God or someone who is divinely inspired to reveal the will of God
- **Revelation**- a way God reveals the 'truth' to humanity

## 3: What is God's nature?

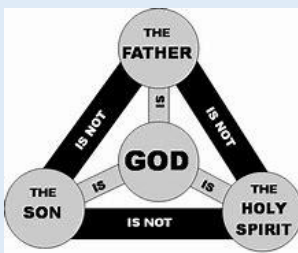
- **Omnipotent**- God is all-powerful
- **Omniscient**- God is all-seeing and all-knowing
- **Benevolent**- God is loving and kind.
- **Sanctity of Life**- the belief we are made in the image of God so all humans are precious and should be treated with and respected as part of God's creation.
- ***"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"***. Genesis 1:27
- **Agape**- Christian selfless love
- **The Good Samaritan** – reveals the Greatest Commandment to love God and love one another

## 4: What does Jesus reveal about God?

- **Gospels**- the first four books of the New Testament describing the life and teachings of Jesus
- **God the Son**- Jesus Christ is God incarnate (God in human form) who was fully God and fully human.
- **Omnipotence**- Jesus performed miracles and rose from the dead proving he truly was God
- **Omniscience**- Jesus knew God's plan was for him to die on the cross for human sin
- **Benevolence** – Jesus taught and revealed God's love to humanity. The greatest act of love was through Jesus dying on the cross to forgive human sin

## 5: Why is the Trinity important to Christians?

- **Holy Trinity**- belief in one God in three persons. The three persons are equal and a unity- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit



- The Holy Trinity is revealed in the Bible and taught by the Church. It is through the Trinity that people can understand God's nature.
- All three persons of the Trinity were present at creation and at Jesus' baptism.

## 6: What does The Creed teach about God?

- **The Apostle's Creed**- is a Christian statement of beliefs about God's nature.
- The Creed supports the belief that God is a Trinity who is benevolent, omniscient and omnipotent.
- **God the Father**- 'creator of heaven and earth'
- **God the Son**- 'was crucified, died and was buried'
- **God the Holy Spirit**- 'I believe in the Holy Spirit'