

1: Omnipotence

- **Monotheism** = Belief in one God
- **Omnipotent**= God is all-powerful

For Christians, God's omnipotence can be seen in many ways, for example:

- The creation of the universe and humanity
- "In the beginning God created heaven and earth." Genesis 1:1
- The miracles performed by Jesus
- The resurrection of Jesus
- "He is risen." Matthew 28:6

Influence on Christians today:

- Awe of the natural world
- Stewards of God's creation
- Christians believe that however bad things may seem in the world, nothing can ultimately defeat God's power.
- God has the power to defeat death (judgment day)

2: Benevolence

- **Benevolent:** God is all-loving and all-good
- **Agape**= Unconditional love

For Christians, God's benevolence can be seen in many ways, for example:

- The creation of the universe and humanity
- God sacrificed his own son for humanity,
- "For God so loved the world that that He gave His one and only Son" John 3:16
- The Bible teaches that "God is love" 1 John

Influence on Christians today:

- Follow Jesus' teaching on being loving (Greatest Commandment)
- Christians believe that they should act loving towards others
- Give to charities
- Pray for forgiveness
- Feel comforted by God's love

3: Just

Just- fair and just judge of humankind

- Christians believe God is fair to all and is a just judge of humankind.
- Central to God being just is his love and mercy.
- He forgives those who are truly sorry for their actions.
- **Bible:** "God is fair and just" Psalms
- **Lord's Prayer:** "Our Father"

Influence on Christians today:

- Christians should be forgiving towards others just as God is.
- Christians believe God made all humankind equal and expects us to be just in our treatment of others.
- God will never support injustice, ill-treatment, prejudice or oppression.
- Christians believe a just God treats people fairly, so they trust God even when things seem to go wrong.

4: The Trinity

- Christians believe in the one God (monotheism) who is known and worshipped as the Trinity.
- The three persons of the Trinity are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- They are equal persons, yet distinct, in the one God.
- Evidence of the Trinity: Creation and Jesus' baptism.

**5: The Trinity**

God the Father- a loving parent and creator of everything 'maker of heaven and Earth, of all that is seen and unseen.' –Nicene Creed

God the Son- became human (incarnated) "For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven..." Nicene Creed & suffered out of love for human sin "And the Word became flesh and lived among us."

God the Holy Spirit is the invisible presence of God in the world. known in The Creed as "Lord and giver of life".

6: Influence of the Trinity

Influence on Christians today:

Baptisms and marriages are performed in the name of the Trinity. Christians bless themselves by making the sign of the cross and offer prayers "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Christians must try to show their fellow human beings the same love and respect that flows between the three Persons of the Trinity.