

The Christian Faith

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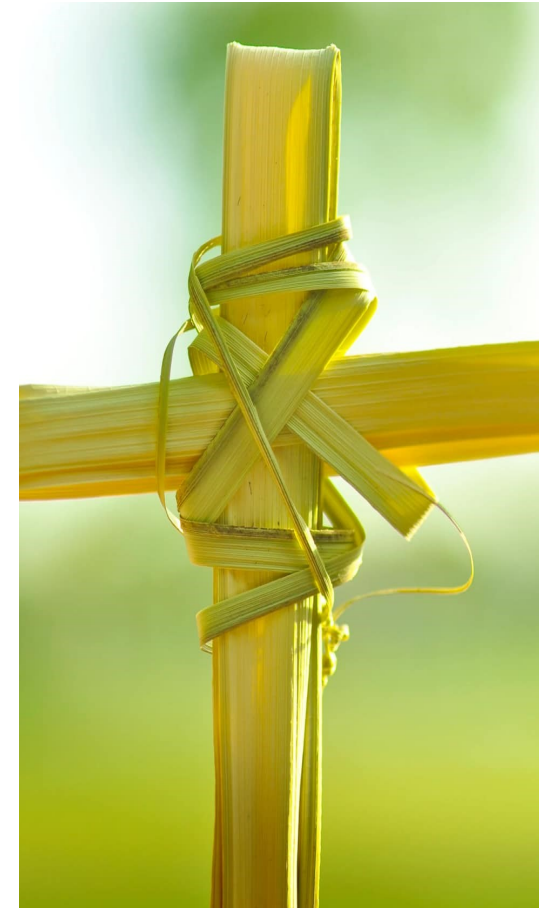
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What do Christians believe?

Christians believe that:

- The universe was brought into being by a loving God. Everything, and every person in the universe is precious to God.
- God sent his own Son, Jesus Christ to live as one of us, to show us what he is like, and to offer us his eternal life.
- God gives us his Holy Spirit to guide, comfort and strengthen us.
- God wants us all to know and love him, and to share his love with everyone.
- God gives us free will to make our own decisions. Often, we let him down but whatever our failings or mistakes, God loves us.
- Faith in God does not insulate us from illness, evil or unhappy events in our lives. God will give us the strength to face these when they happen, and promises us joy and peace in heaven.

A Summary of Christian belief

We believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Who was Jesus Christ?

Jesus was born about 2000 years ago, in what is now Israel.

He grew up in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and spent about three years teaching about God's Kingdom and healing the sick. He had many followers - his disciples.

His teaching challenged the Jewish leaders and he was crucified - hung on a cross to die - by the occupying Roman government. His body was buried. He rose from the tomb on the third day - the first Easter Sunday. In the following weeks, many saw him alive again.

We believe that through his crucifixion Jesus took upon himself all our wrongdoing and suffering. Through his rising to new life we too are offered that eternal life.

After Jesus returned to God the Father, to God's kingdom, the Holy Spirit was poured out on his followers.

Since then Christianity has spread throughout the world.



Sayings of Jesus

"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

St Matthew's Gospel,
Chapter 11 verse 28

"Do not be worried and upset. Believe in God and believe in me."

St John's Gospel,
Chapter 14 verse 1

"I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness."

St John's Gospel,
Chapter 10 verse 10



What is the Bible?

The word 'Bible' means 'book'. The holy Bible includes many books - history, literature, prophecy and poetry. It tells the story of God's love for us, from the very beginning of the universe to the early days of the Christian church.

The books of the **New Testament** are especially important to Christians. The four **Gospels** (the word 'Gospel' means 'Good News') of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, written by followers of Jesus, describe the life, work and teaching of Jesus. Other books in the New Testament describe the work of the early Christians.