

## What is Christianity all about?

- *“Christianity is just another one of many religions.”*
- *“Christianity simply gives people moral rules to try to follow.”*
- *“Christianity means going to church and trying to be good to your neighbors.”*

Are any of these ideas about Christianity true? No! Though held by many people, each of these opinions is wrong. Christianity is not just one among many religions. Nor does it simply call for people to be good and attend church.

Christianity is unique among all the world’s religious systems because its Founder, Jesus Christ, is the Son of God. He came to earth to reveal God to us in human form. He died for our forgiveness and rose from the dead. This is true of no other religion.

**>Jesus Christ is not simply another human being...He is God.**

Salvation, release from the guilt of sin, is possible only through the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). “Salvation is found in no one else” (Acts 4:12). There is a means of forgiveness through the sacrifice of Christ. All sin must be paid for, and it was—on the cross.

Christians aren’t people who simply attend church, try to be good on their own, or attempt to build up good points before God. Rituals and good deeds will not make anyone a Christian; we need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And this is possible only when you admit that we’re a sinner and you turn to Him for forgiveness of our sins.

That is why Jesus died on the cross—to bear our sins so that we can receive Him as our Savior. When we do, He forgives us and give us eternal life. Then as a child of God, we have fellowship with Jesus Christ in prayer, and can depend on Him for help each day. He always gives us enough light to take the next step.

**>This is what Christianity is all about—salvation from sin and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**

All our efforts to save ourselves or to gain peace with God are in vain. All other religions are based on human efforts--trying to be good enough to please one’s god or gods. But no one ever knows if they’ve done enough good deeds.

By contrast, the Bible says we can never do enough to earn salvation. Instead God offers it as a free gift: “The gift of God is eternal life” (Romans 6:23). This gift must be received by faith: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Church attendance, baptism, kind deeds—none of these will ever be enough to

get anyone to Heaven. “He saved us, not because of righteous [good] things we had done, but because of his mercy” (Titus 3:5).

**>Becoming a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, is possible only because of God’s grace.**

Grace is His favor which we don’t deserve. God has reached down to us, and in His love He offers us the gift of eternal life—for free! “[We] are justified freely by his grace” (Romans 3: 24). “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). The Apostle Paul assures us, “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus as Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Will you trust Jesus Christ now as your personal Savior? If you will do so, you will receive God’s free gift of eternal life and forgiveness of your sins. Turn to Him now in faith, realizing you can do nothing to save yourself. To become a Christian, pray a prayer something like this:

“Lord Jesus, I admit I’m a sinner. I am sorry for my sins and I want to turn from them. I believe You died for me and rose from the grave to forgive me and purchase a place for me in Heaven. I receive You as my Savior and Lord. Come into my life, take control, and forgive me. I know I can’t serve You on my own, so I’m asking You to take over my life and make me into the person You want me to be. From this moment on I want to trust and follow You in the fellowship of other believers, Amen.”

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