Knowledge Organiser - Christian Beliefs

Christianity Intro

- 1. Christian A follower of the religion Christianity.
- 2. Catholic A member of the Roman Catholic Church
- 3. Protestant A member of any of the Western Christian Churches that arare in accordance with the principles of the Reformation
- 4. Trinity The three persons of the Christian God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- 5. Nicene Creed A Statement of belief of mainstream Christianity.
- Apostles Creed A short summary of the Christian faith that has been handed down generations of Christians.

Genesis

- 1. Genesis First book in the Bible
 - Day 1 = Light was created
 - Day 2 = The sky was created
 - Day 3 = Dry land, seas, plants and trees were created
 - Day 4 = The sun, moon and stars were created
 - Day 5 = The creatures that live in the sea and created that fly were created
 - Day 6 = Animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created
 - Day 7 = God finished his work and rested, making this day a special holy day
- 2. Original sin The sin all humans are born (inherited from Adam and Eve), which is washed away at baptism.

Jesus' Life

- 1. Incarnation Becoming flesh; God in human form.
- 2. Virgin Mary Mother of Jesus; miraculous conception.
- 3. Betrayal The act of being disloyal to someone.
- 4. Crucifixion When Jesus died on the cross
- 5. Blasphemy Speaking wickedly about God or sacred things.
- 6. Resurrection When Jesus returned to life on Easter Sunday.
- 7. Ascension When Jesus returned to heaven 40 days after the resurrection.
- 8. Maundy Thursday The day of the Last Supper, betrayal and Jesus' arrest.
- 9. Good Friday The day Jesus was crucified.
- 10. Easter Sunday The day Jesus returned back to life.
- 11. Parable A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels

Afterlife

- Eschatology The part of theology concerned with death, judgement and the final destiny of the soul
- 2. Heaven A place of eternal bliss after death
- 3. Hell A place of eternal punishment after death
- 4. Purgatory Middle stage where Christians go to get cleansed before they can enter heaven.
- Judgement When individuals will be taken into the presence of God and they will be judged for the deeds they have done or failed to do during their lifetime.
- 6. Free will the freedom to make your own decisions minus external influences.

Salvation and Atonement

- 1. Salvation Being saved from sin
- 2. Atonement Reconciliation between God and humans.
- 3. Reconciliation Bringing together people who used to dislike each other.
- 4. Grace God's gift which gives the strength to be good and holy.
- 5. Sacrament An outward ceremony through which God's grace is given.

Evil and Suffering

- 1. Evil The absence of goodness
- 2. Suffering Undergoing pain/hardship
- 3. Moral Evil Evil caused by humans e.g. murder
- 4. Natural Evil Evil caused by natural events e.g. earthquakes
- 5. Omnipotent The belief that God is all-powerful
- 6. Omnibenevolent The belief that God is all-loving
- The Inconsistent Triad The theory by J.L. Mackie that explains how evil and suffering challenged the existence of God.
- Practical solutions Christians will respond by doing practical things to help e.g. prayer or charity.
- 9. Biblical solutions Christians will look at stories and teachings in the Bible to overcome suffering e.g. The Book of Job.
- **10.** Theoretical solutions Christians will think of theories about why the suffering has happened e.g. as a result of misusing their freewill.

Exam Practice

A Question:

One...

Another...

A final...

B Questions:

One reason why/belief is... This suggests/is important because...

Another reason why/belief is... This suggests/is important because...

C Questions:

One reason why/belief is... In the Quran/Bible it states... This suggests/is important because...

Another reason why/belief is... This suggests/is important because...

D Questions:

Some Muslims/Christians would agree/disagree with the statement because...

In the Quran/Bible it states...

This suggests/is important because...

This is a strong/weak argument because...

(Repeat x2)

In conclusion, the strongest argument is... because...