

4.1 Where do Christian Religious Beliefs come from?

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Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Bible	a copy of the holy book of the Christian religion
Messiah	A <i>messiah</i> is anyone who is thought of as the saviour of a group of people
Commandments	An order or law
Incarnation	The appearance of a god as a human – in Christianity, the belief that Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God in man
Testament	Proof that something exists or is true
Sacrifice	To give up something that is valuable to you to help another person
Prophecy	A statement that says what is going to happen in the future, especially one that is based on what you believe about a particular matter rather than existing facts
Atonement	An effort to make up for wrongdoing (especially appeasing a deity)

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

A young boy asked his dad for his money early and went far away to spend it all on fun things, but soon he didn't have any money left. He was very sorry for what he did, so he decided to go back to his dad and say sorry. When he got home, his dad was so happy to see him that he hugged him and forgave him completely, even though the boy had made mistakes. The story teaches us that even if we make bad choices, if we are sorry and ask for forgiveness, God will always love us and forgive us, just like the dad forgave his son.

Parables

The bible contains many parables. Christians believe that they give important messages about how to live their lives. Some famous parables include:

1. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Lesson: Love your neighbor as yourself, showing kindness to everyone, even those who are different from you.

2. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Lesson: Faith, even small like a mustard seed, can grow into something great and powerful.

3. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Lesson: Building your life on Jesus' teachings is like building on a solid rock; without it, your life will be shaky.

Christians believe in the **Crucifixion of Jesus**. This is when Jesus was put on a cross and died because some people didn't like his message. Christians believe that after three days, Jesus came back to life, proving that God's love is stronger than anything, even death.

Key Questions to ask yourself

- How does the Jesus' sacrifice show the value that God puts in man?
- How does the bible shape how Christians live their lives?
- If there were only one permitted Source of Authority, what should it be and why?

DIVISION OF OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHETS	
			Major	Minor
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations	Amos
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel		Daniel	Jonah
	1 Kings			Micah
	2 Kings			Nahum
	1 Chronicles			Habakkuk
	2 Chronicles			Zephaniah
	Ezra	* CTJ does NOT believe that the Song of Solomon and the apocryphal books are divinely inspired and therefore part of the Bible as they were not included in the original text up until the time of Jesus.		Haggai
	Nehemiah			Zechariah
	Esther			Malachi

The Ten Commandments

