

Nature of God -Monotheistic – One God " I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no God's before me".

The Oneness of God is seen in the Trinity, God the Father – Creator of all Earth and living things, he acts as a father towards his children, **God the Son-** Jesus both fully human and fully God at all times, **God the Holy Spirit-** Unseen power of God

Sin: Any action/though against God. **Original Sin** – Humans have an in built tendency to do wrong. **Adam and Eve** sinned by breaking the instructions of God. God gave us **free will**, Choose actions God will approve of such as **Ten Commandments**. **Salvation:** Saved from sins and granted eternal life with God. Old Testament makes it clear by having faith in God and obeying God's laws, **Salvation** through **Grace**, through faith in Jesus. **Christ in salvation:** Jesus's death makes up from **original sin**. Jesus could have easily avoided being crucified and that he could use his powers to get down but Jesus death necessary restore the relationship between God and believers. Humans can receive **forgiveness** for their sins. **Atonement:** Jesus **atones** sins of mankind when he died and rose again **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord"**

Creation: Genesis 1:1–3: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth. Now the Earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said 'Let there be light' .* This continues plant life, Humans. **Spirit of God** reinforces idea oneness of God rather than three of the Holy Trinity. **John 1:1–3**– "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" . The **Word** refers to God the Son– Jesus; Holy Spirit was at the start of creation not Trinity. Trinity helps us understand divine mystery of God.

God as Omnipotent- almighty having unlimited power and authority, **Benevolent - loving, Just-** bringing out what is right, **"Love is patient, Love is kind"**. **"Nothing is impossible without God"**.

Incarnation of Jesus: Jesus is **incarnate**, made in flesh in human form, Fully God yet fully human thus God son the Holy Trinity. **Jesus as Son of God:** "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:4. Belief Jesus was God incarnate. Jesus was baptised a voice from Heaven said 'You are my son' (Mark 1:11), Jesus warned his disciples he might be arrested blasphemy (Claiming to be God)

Afterlife: Human beings eternal life as a Gift from God. The day of Judgement when Jesus will judge the living and the dead, Apostles Creed *"He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead: I believe in the resurrection of the body; and the everlasting life"*. He will put the sheep on the right and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, *'Come you who are blessed by my father'*. Jesus is son of God and following his teaching is important too "I am the way and the truth and the life".

Crucifixion: Roman method execution, even though Jesus son God he still felt pain and suffering as he is fully human and fully God. In Luke 23:46 'Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he has said this, he breathed his last'.

Catholics believe in intermediate state **purgatory**, soul wait to receive place in heaven. **Heaven:** Some Christians believe those believe in Jesus will be in Heaven, Some believe you enter if you are Baptised, some if you are good, some believe God will forgive your sins. Hell: Ruled by Satan/Devil. Would no Christians go there? But God is loving ? Is hell a state of mind? Would God allow suffering?

Resurrection of Jesus impact Jesus sacrifice is a sin, was a part Jesus life and suffering part of ours. **Ascension:** Jesus had a special power of God to rise from the Dead, he was able to leave Earth physically and return to heaven. "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven".

Resurrection: Rising from the dead- Friday afternoon, Resurrection Jesus – rose from dead. Power over God and evil, no need to fear death, God will forgive sins, provide comfort and guidance. Some believe a soul is resurrected, Catholic Church/Orthodox Church clear about resurrection.