



(1) Keywords		(2) Sacred Writings		(3) Incarnation– God in human flesh
Immaculate conception	Mary <b>conceived</b> Jesus as a <b>virgin</b> — a <b>miraculous</b> birth.	Incarnation	‘The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.’	<b>Beliefs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christians believe that God came to earth in human form as Jesus Christ. Jesus’ birth is referred to as the incarnation (God in flesh).</li><li>Jesus is the referred to as the <b>Son of God</b>. This helps Christians to understand that he is 100% God and 100% human, <b>also understood</b> the <b>hypostatic union</b>. Jesus felt human feelings and emotions but was able to perform miracles and display <b>omnipotence</b>.</li><li>Jesus’ birth was a <b>miracle</b> because <b>Mary was a virgin</b>. She was chosen by God because she was pure and special.</li><li>Jesus was <b>conceived</b> by the <b>power of the Holy Spirit</b> (God’s presence on earth). This is called the <b>immaculate conception</b>.</li></ul> <b>How does this influence Christians?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The incarnation influences Christians to <b>celebrate Christmas</b>, as this celebrates the birth of Jesus.</li><li>Christians are influenced to follow the teachings of Jesus because they know he is <b>God incarnate</b>.</li></ul>
Hypostatic Union	Jesus is <b>100% God</b> and <b>100% human</b> .	Last Supper	‘Do this in remembrance of me.’	
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	<b>Sacrament of bread and wine in Church</b> , to commemorate the <b>Last Supper</b> .	Crucifixion	‘God so loved the world he gave His one and only Son.’	
Blasphemy	A <b>religious offence</b> which involved <b>claiming to be God</b> .	Resurrection	‘He is risen!’	
Original Sin	<b>The first sin involving Adam and Eve</b> giving in to <b>temptation</b> - forbidden fruit.	Ascension	‘He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of His Father.’	
Sin	Any <b>action or thought</b> which separates <b>humans from God</b> / is <b>against God’s laws</b> . Physical & mental in form.	Salvation	‘The wage of sin is death.’	
Atonement	<b>Restoring the relationship</b> between people and God.	Heaven and Hell	‘Hell is a lake of fire.’	
Grace	<b>God’s</b> quality of <b>giving love</b> even when it is <b>unearned</b> .			
Repentance	<b>Agreeing</b> that <b>God exists</b> & asking Him to <b>forgive sins</b> .			
Forgiveness	A <b>pardon</b> from God for <b>sinning</b> —God expects us to sin.			
Afterlife	What Christians believe <b>follows life</b> on earth.			
(4) Last Days of Jesus’ Life		(5) Salvation and Atonement—Jesus’ Sacrificial Death		(6) Heaven, Hell and The Afterlife
<p><b>The Last Supper:</b> The meal Jesus had with his disciples the night before he died. They gave <b>bread and wine</b> to symbolise his <b>body and blood</b>. This <b>influences</b> taking of <b>Holy Communion</b>. During the meal, he correctly predicted <i>‘One of you will betray me’</i>, demonstrating <b>omniscience</b> of <b>Judas’ betrayal</b>.</p> <p><b>The Crucifixion:</b> Execution and death of Jesus on <b>Good Friday</b>; on a cross. Sentenced by Romans for <b>blasphemy</b> and fulfilled <b>prophecy</b>. Death was an act of <b>atonement</b> and <b>sacrifice</b>—<i>‘He was crucified, died, and was buried’</i>, <b>The Apostles’ Creed</b>. Christians are <b>influenced</b> to accept suffering more easily as the <b>hypostatic union</b> means <b>Jesus suffered</b> when he died.</p> <p><b>The Resurrection:</b> Three days after he died, <b>Jesus rose from the dead</b>. He appeared to his disciples, ate with them, and taught them. This shows Christians that Jesus <b>really is</b> the <b>Son of God</b> which <b>influences</b> them to <b>follow</b> his teachings. Christians celebrate this event at <b>Easter</b>.</p> <p><b>Ascension:</b> 40 days after the resurrection, <b>Jesus returned</b> to heaven <b>alive</b>. This shows Christians the <b>victory of good over evil</b> and <b>influences</b> them to <b>not fear death</b> as they can be resurrected in some way.</p>		<p><b>Original sin:</b> Christians believe that everyone is born with the <b>urge</b> to do bad things and give into <b>temptation</b> / <b>disobey God</b>. It comes from <b>Adam and Eve</b> eating the <b>forbidden fruit</b> in the <b>Garden of Eden</b>. This caused the relationship between humans and God to break.</p> <p>In order to fix this broken relationship, Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross to restore <b>the relationship</b> between God and humanity and <b>atone</b> for human sin.</p> <p>Because of <b>Jesus’ sacrifice</b> humans’ souls can be <b>saved and admitted to heaven</b>. This is a direct result of Jesus’ death on the cross. <i>‘He died for us and for our salvation.’</i></p> <p><b>There are three ways of being saved:</b></p> <p><b>Grace:</b> God’s unconditional love means that some people will be saved even though they don’t deserve it. This influences <b>Christians</b> to feel <b>grateful</b>.</p> <p><b>Law:</b> People who do good works &amp; follow God’s law (e.g. 10 Commandments) will be rewarded in heaven. Christians are <b>influenced</b> to follow God’s law.</p> <p><b>Spirit:</b> Holy Spirit guides people to know how to live a good Christian life. This <b>influences</b> Christians like <b>Pentecostals</b> to connect with the Holy Spirit in church.</p>		<p><b>Day of Judgement:</b> Time when world will end and every soul will be judged by God and rewarded or punished. <b>Jesus</b> told the <b>Parable of the Sheep and Goats</b> explaining how <b>God</b> would put the <b>sheep on His right side</b> and the <b>goats on His left</b>; separating them based on whether they had <b>cared for others</b>, like sheep, or not, like goats. <i>‘For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.’</i> Our <b>helping</b> other <b>people helps God</b>.</p> <p><b>Heaven:</b> State of <b>eternal happiness in presence of God</b>; place of eternal peace ruled by God. <b>Physical place</b> for some-<i>‘My fathers house has many rooms.’</i> <b>Spiritual</b> only for others-<i>‘A house not made with hands.’</i></p> <p><b>Hell:</b> Place of eternal suffering; state of being without God. Some Christians believe that <b>hell is a punishment for people who have committed unforgivable sins</b>. <i>‘Cast into a lake of fire.’</i></p> <p><b>Purgatory:</b> (Catholic only) <b>intermediate state</b> where souls are cleansed.</p> <p><b>Divergent views:</b> <b>Entry to heaven</b> for everyone / everyone Christian / only people who have been baptised and repented? Likewise, some say hell is not real (all go to heaven) as <b>God is omnibenevolent</b>.</p> <p><b>Influence:</b> All <b>decisions</b> made with afterlife, and so <b>judgement</b>, in mind.</p>