

**Key words**

**Review**

# Christian Beliefs

## 1. Nature of God

- **Characteristics**
- **Trinity**
- Evil and suffering

## 2. Creation

- Genesis Story / Interpretations
- Role of the Word and Spirit

## 3. Jesus

- Incarnation / Crucifixion / Resurrection / Ascension

## 4. Salvation

- Law / Sin / Grace

## 5. Afterlife

- Eschatological beliefs
- Judgement / resurrection
- Contemporary beliefs

Date

# God

<b>Areas of Study</b>	<b>Specific Content</b>
The nature of God	➤ Omnipotent: Exodus 7-11, Exodus 14:21: Omni-benevolent: Psalm 86:15, John 3:16, Romans 8: 37-39. Evil and suffering: Quote on God and evil from Epicurus, Book of Job 1: 8 -12, 42:1-6

# The nature of God



**What is  
God like?**



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Omniscient

All knowing

**Omnipotent**

All powerful

**Omnibenevolent**

Perfectly good

Omnipresent

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**OMNIPOTENT**





**The waters  
turned to**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 7:20

**Aaron**

# Ten Plagues



1 - The river Nile  
turns to blood



2 - Frogs



3 - Lice



4 - flies



5 - Disease of  
livestock



6 - The Boils



7 - Hailstones



8 - Locusts



9 - Darkness



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJleW4TCQM0&safe=true>

**The Lord  
caused the  
\_\_\_\_\_ to go  
back.**

Exodus 14:21



# Red Sea



“...the LORD ...made the sea dry  
land, and the waters were  
divided” Exodus 14:21

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avShZS2GJMc&safe=true>



**Omnibenevolent**

**You, Lord, are a  
compassionate  
and**

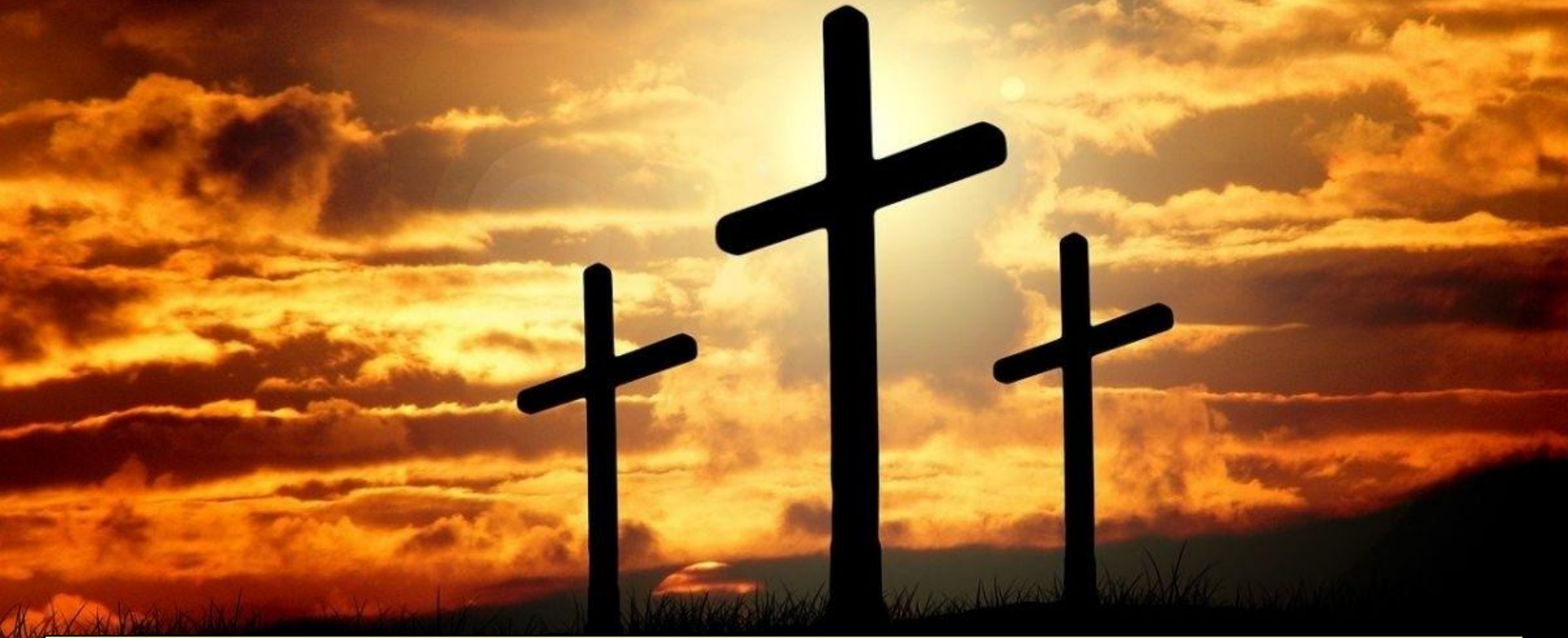
**\_\_\_\_\_ God**

**Psalm 86:15**



**which  
means...**

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_.**



**John 3:16**



## The Trinity





**TRI**

**3**

**+**

**UNITY**

**1**

**=**

**TRINITY**

**3 in 1**

# The Trinity

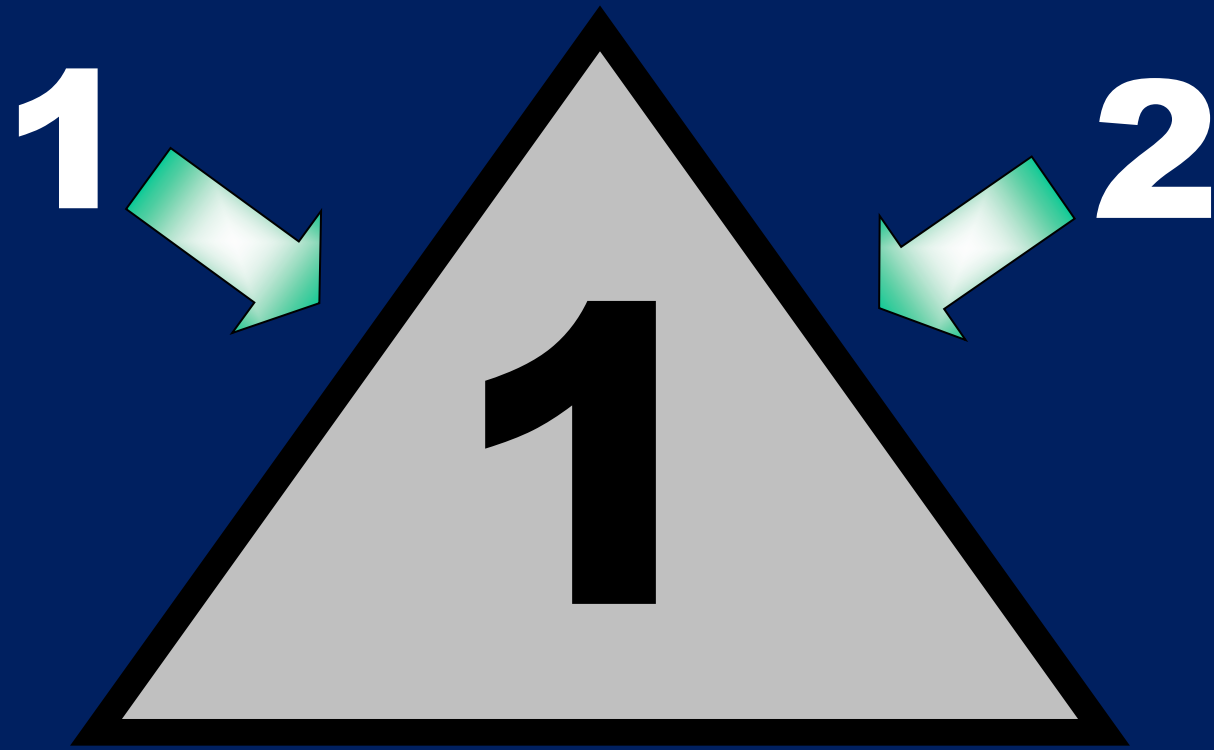
The belief that there is **ONE** God  
who takes three

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the \_\_\_\_\_, and the

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# ONE SHAPE...



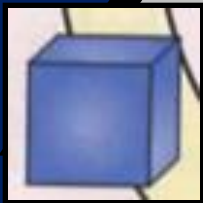
**3 ...THREE SIDES**

**ONE SUBSTANCE...**



**STEAM**

**H<sub>2</sub>O**



**ICE**



**WATER**

**...THREE FORMS**

**ONE GOD...**



**THREE FORMS...**

**God the  
Creator...**

**God's  
presence in  
the world**



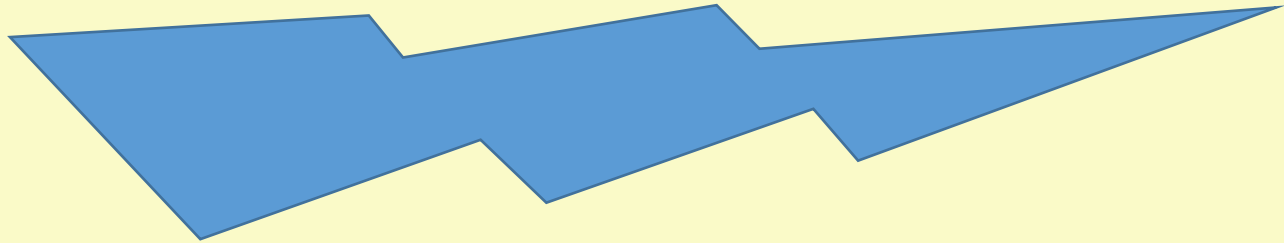
**SON**

**Jesus, the saviour  
of humans**

• Father

• Son

• Holy Spirit



• saviour

• sanctifier

• creator



- Born of the Virgin Mary.
- Works in people's hearts
- Christians believe that he created humans and the world.
- Continues to care for us like a parent.
- He rose on the third day.
- Helper and guider.
- Invisible power of God which breathes new life into people.
- Part of God that works within the world.
- Performed miracles.
- Redeemer, saviour who saves the world from sin.
- Sustains and rules everything.
- Will judge humans and send them to heaven/hell

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**Why do many  
Christians believe in  
the Trinity?**

- Because of what happened at **Jesus's baptism**



- Explain what happens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ5jm5lx5bY>

Jesus says...

**I and the**

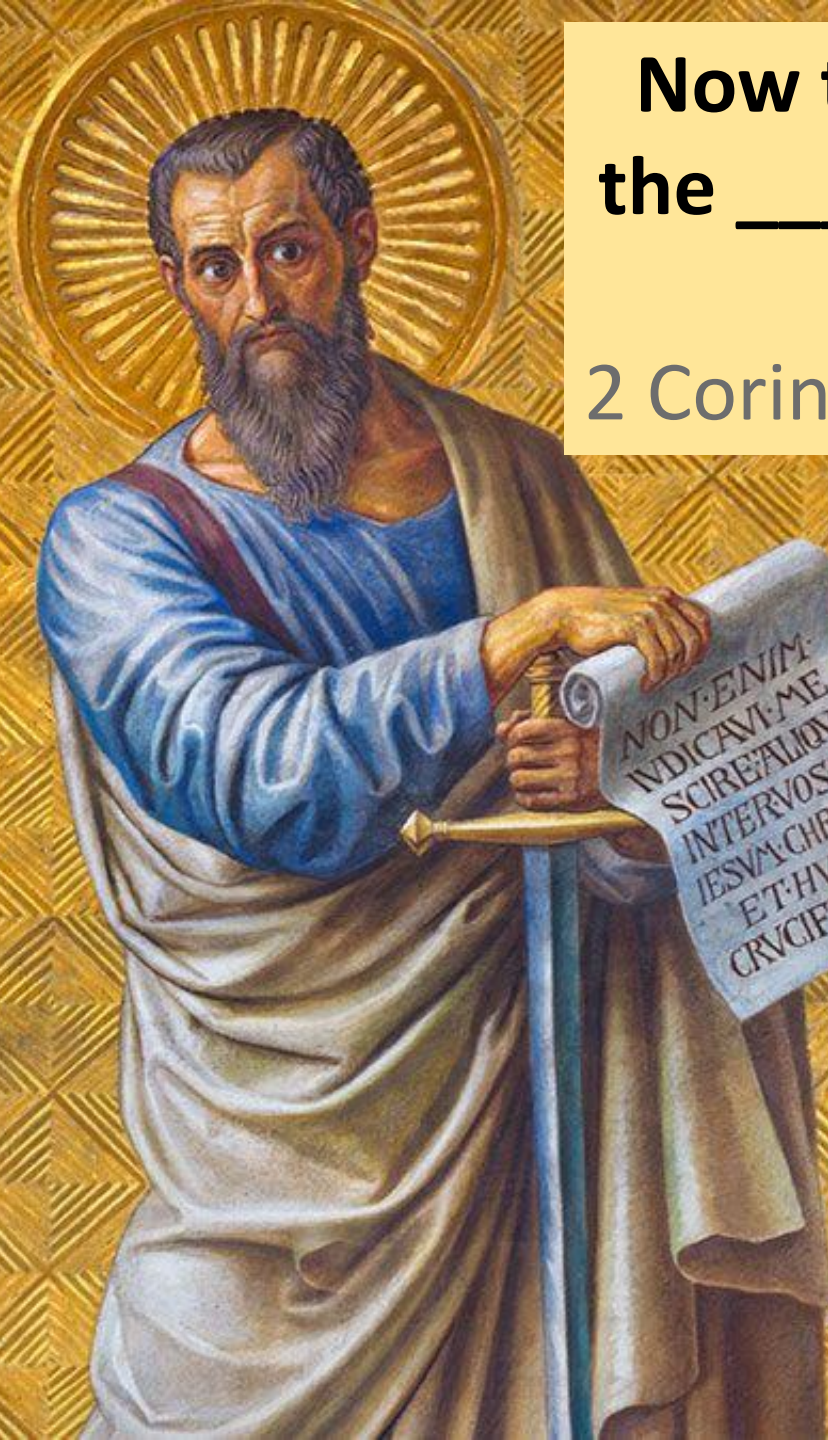
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**are one.**

John 10:30



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Now the Lord is  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 3:17

NON ENIM  
INDICAVI ME  
SCIRE ALIQUID  
INTER VOS NISI  
IESUM CHRISTUM  
ET HUNC  
CRUCIFIXUM

**The same but  
different**

- Only the Father knows when

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Day will be





Father, why  
have you  
forgotten me?



JW  
.ORG

Not all  
Christians  
(e.g. many  
Quakers) are  
**Trinitarians**  
because...

## Three persons of the Trinity

### God the father

Jesus taught his followers to refer to God as the Father. This refers to the omnipotent, omniscient part of God, who created the world. Christians also believe that it shows the caring, personal relationship between humans and God, like that of a father and child. This represents God's kindness and immanence. The Lord's Prayer represents God the Father showing more of His characteristics. This can be found in the image.



### God the Son

Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God. For Christians, he is God in human form. This belief is known as the incarnation (the way in which God becomes 'flesh' or human in the form of Jesus). Christians believe that through becoming human as Jesus, God revealed something of himself to the world.

### God the Holy Spirit

Christians believe that after his resurrection Jesus rose up to heaven. They believe that God then sent the Holy Spirit or 'Paraclete' into the world. Christians believe the Holy Spirit guides Christians to live their lives in the best possible way. The Holy Spirit is able to give comfort, courage, inspiration and guidance to all Christians, and helps people to believe in Jesus and strengthen their faith. It also helps Christians to understand and interpret the Bible as the word of God. Christians believe the Holy Spirit intervenes in the world in a miraculous way and is present during worship. In special church services, such as baptism and marriage, Christians believe they are really in the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Charismatic Christians, such as Pentecostals, believe the Holy Spirit empowers people to speak 'in tongues'. This type of worship may be very lively as people feel they are directly moved by the spirit of God.

**Add 5 to 7  
points  
about the  
Trinity to  
your notes**

**Explain Christian  
beliefs about the  
God. (8 marks)**