

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity and World Religion - Part 6 of 6

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16 (KJV)

The Christian message:

- There is a God who created the cosmos whose essential **nature is love**.

“...God is love.” 1 John 4:8

- Humankind was created in the image of God but we are **prone to sin**.

“There is no difference between people. Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God’s glory.”
Romans 3:23 (GW)

- God sent His Son, **Jesus Christ**.

“Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal’s death on a cross.”
Philippians 2:5-8 (LB)

- Salvation is **a gift**, it is not earned.

“Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it. It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus...”
Ephesians 2:9-10 (LB)

Five reasons I am a Christian:

1. The **eyewitness** accounts.

“I spoke to those people who were actually eyewitnesses to these events and I carefully studied them and wrote them down for you, most honorable Theophilus.”
Luke 1:2-3

2. The Christian **ethic**.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that...But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.”

Luke 6:32-33,35

3. A compelling **picture of God**.

Jesus: **“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.”**
John 11:25

4. The redemptive **power of the cross**.

“You’ve been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him...”
1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB)

5. My own **experience with Christ**.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”
John 3:17