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To my mother,

CARLA D. MILLS

who inspires me and urges me forward when needed

and to all of my friends; especially

STEVEN SCHWARZ

who encourage me to follow God and continue to serve with humility

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# Preface

Christianity has become well-known as one of the main religions of the world on which we live. By title alone, it attains a super massive demographic following; but, is or was the subject of Christianity ever relevant? Readers can determine Christianity's meaning and relevance by reading through the details of this book, while paired with what the world knows as the *Canon of Scripture; The Holy Bible*.

By reading this book, readers will have obtained at least the basic knowledge of what Christianity is all about. This book serves as a guide; and its content should help to bring clarity to the reader on the subject of what Christianity is.

# INTRODUCTION

## *The Term*

Christianity is a term that has become prominent, since its dawn.

Associated people are usually known to proclaim phrases such as “Jesus is risen” and “Christ is Lord!” Preachers preach of it. Bible teachers teach of it. Some people even refer to methods of Christianity at attempts to make better choices in their own lives. A good percentage of society believes Christianity to be life changing, and it has become well-known in many places of the Earth.

Finding Christianity’s information to be true is an inevitable process. So, readers study the Bible, and other forms of history, to validate information for the purpose of solidifying belief in the God Christianity claims to follow. Many scholars also aim to attest to the spiritual affirmation of God, or His presence. So, much effort is given toward arguing the relevance of Christianity and any tangible, factual information concerning God.

Some people could care less about what they consider as a religious belief, following or God. And this could be a result of not really

knowing what Christianity is all about. This book is being written to help clarify the meaning. Although this book is concise, I pray readers will understand how the belief in Christ is literally one of the most important factors in the lives of Christianity's followers.



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# 1

## CHRISTIANITY IS A TITLE

*Christianity is the title of a culture and religion*

What is Christianity? By basic definition, Christianity is the title of a culture and religion of which a person becomes a member by living in the belief of what Christ taught and modifying his or her behavior according to the subsequent things we learned from Christ's life.

Although the term was meant to criticize believers of the alleged "Way of Life", it has been recognized as the official title of people who believe in and modify their behavior according to the teachings of Jesus, son of Joseph; the Messiah. Readers can discover written text of the bible that followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch; an ancient city no longer inhabited, of which its territory lies around fifteen miles north of Syria. When the term became accepted as the title of believers of Jesus, the Christ, Christianity became a belief system. And this belief system is known as a religion.



## 2

# CHRISTIANITY IS A RELIGION

*It became a belief system for more than one person*

When followers of Jesus, son of Joseph, also known as the Christ, began assembling themselves together in ancient Antioch to encourage one another and worship God, the term Christian was accepted amongst believers to be the identifying title for themselves and anyone who believed in the gospel of Jesus, the Christ. Christian means *follower of Christ*. It was a moment in this time frame when Christianity was first considered a religion. To explain further, when people assembled themselves to worship God through Christ, Christianity was formed into a religion because everyone was on one accord, and worshipping the same God for the same reasons. Christianity became a religion because it became a belief system for more than one person.

Christianity is a religion based on a generally accepted belief system. Its strength resides in the extent of belief of its followers. Even since the birth of the term, *Christian*, readers could discover that Jesus' initial

followers had increasing faith and were steadfast in their belief of who He was and the God He directed them to serve. That belief system spread amongst several people groups in the land of origin and other nationalities and cultures – even here in the United States of America! However, is it reasonable to believe that the collective strength of believers is the true power of Christianity?



### 3

## CHRISTIANITY IS THE WILL OF GOD

*And Jesus did that all the way to the cross and beyond*

While residing on earth, Jesus taught of the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and Isaiah - just to name a few of the historical figures. This God was identified as the same, mentioned God throughout different generations, and written of in several ancient and biblical texts. His works were constantly miraculous, His word was always true, and He always maintained a personal relationship with people. Jesus taught of this God, and exercised many works in His name. Throughout His life, Jesus gave honor and glory to a God people began to dismiss over seemingly commendable works – obeying the ‘Ten Commandments’. The generations religious leaders seemed so wrapped up on the written law of God that Jesus’ person, character, mission, works and ministry were foreign to most of them.

One of Jesus’ purposes was to fulfill the law. The process of the salvation of humanity included the task of completing every requirement

of the law at all times. Is there a man or woman who could have done this after having, at least, sinned once? Who could achieve such a goal, except a perfect being? Who could attain such a feat, except a perfect God?

An additional task Jesus held was to provide a better law; a law that offers redemption for humanity, instead of death. The job could not have been completed without, first, having completed the requirement of the full law of God. And Jesus did that all the way to the Cross and beyond. Readers can refer to the moments before His recorded death to see the love He exhibited even to the same people mocking, beating, falsely accusing, misjudging and crucifying Him. What type of person could do that on their best day? In this case, Christianity is the will of God residing in one man.





## 4

# CHRISTIANITY IS A CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

*The community's members are the disciples of God's will*

Before Jesus' ministry, Christianity was only culture to one man – the act of doing the will and works of God, or having the will and power of God at all times. Jesus was the only person in history to exhibit both the requirements. Who can accomplish this except God, or one sent from God? This truth changed when Jesus began teaching a truth that renovated the understanding of His listeners. He opened their eyes to new life, love, and possibility. Jesus' teachings and works brought about spiritual novation such that the culture and community of Christianity were spread and formed. Among other belief systems, Jesus' message gave listeners hope. It gave them a life worth wanting to live, and a truth to be shared with others. As Jesus listeners and followers grew, they began living in the same belief system – and for good reason. In this case, Christianity is a community of Jesus' students, and the community's members are the disciples of God's will.

When readers and listeners learn of the truths of the basis of Christianity and the message of Jesus, the Christ, they become students of God's work. It is after the acceptance and execution of the truths of Jesus and the will of the God He represents that Christianity becomes culture. So to one end, a person can be a student of God's message, and on the other end, one can be a disciple of God's will. Each category of members is generally considered members of the community of Christianity.



## 5

# THE POWER OF CHRISTIANITY

*Not many people in today's society would reasonably argue that Jesus did not somehow utilize the power of God*

During Jesus' ministry, He showed people the power of God can be accessed by anyone with actual faith as small as a mustard seed. The initial community of Christianity saw Jesus do things that were mortally impossible. Some things the people saw him do were heal sick people, open the eyes of blind people, cause lame people to walk, walk on water, cast demons out of their loved ones, bring dead folks back to life, make nature obey, impossibly feed over 9000 people with enough food for only a few, transform into a being of light, forgive and pray for people who brutally attacked Him, and come back to life days after being dead with a promise that He redeemed them. Not many people in today's society would reasonably argue that Jesus did not somehow utilize the power of God. Through all of the things mentioned above, Jesus loved every person. He executed God's will in true love; and true love is a characteristic of the spirit of God. This is to say that the actual power of

Christianity is the spirit of God; and that spirit always resides in Christ – it is who He Is.

Jesus is both man and spirit of God. He is the only one who demons recognized as God. He is the only who was not capable of sin; yet, He executed every human emotion and endured the same struggles as the rest of humanity – even unto death. The difference from the death of Jesus and the death of another human is that He was a God – who could not sin and the author of life Himself. This God laid down His life for the whole world, and every generation of it, so that we may have a chance to reclaim everlasting life.



## 6

# WHO IS CHRISTIANITY ABOUT

*Christianity is based on the Spirit and son of God; Jesus, whom is Christ  
alone*

[This title opens up a world of discussion. In fact, I do not think a concise explanation would do any justice. Still, I will exercise concision.]

While reading through previous topics, readers may have concluded that Christianity is about Christ. That information is one hundred percent true! Christianity is also about you! First, Christianity is about the Spirit of God. It tells of God's acts and mission to save humanity. Until after the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, God's Spirit resided exclusively in one man. Now, the spirit of Christ is freely given to reside in each believer!

When individual people accept Jesus as the only begotten son of God and savior, and choose to follow Him, we accept the Holy Spirit as our conscience. This Spirit guides us according to God's will in our lives,



and each experience is relative. [*Note: Some believers choose not to accept the holy spirit.*] If any person believes any information about Christianity, her or his actual belief is of Jesus, the Christ – who and what the individual believes of Him to be – whether true or false. Jesus was sent from God to redeem the world of its many sins in order to reconnect us to God, and to provide a way for us to enter into God's kingdom. His love is the main reason for the action of the Christ.

Conclusively, Christianity is related to the many subtopics mentioned above. However, Christianity is based on the Spirit and son of God; Jesus, whom is Christ alone. Christianity is created for the salvation of humanity – us!



# 7

## WHY CHRIST

*Christ would be given into the world to conquer the sin of the world and to rule over the result of sin – death*

Readers who read through the beginning of the book of Genesis – the first book of the bible – could discover some information about the creation of man and woman. They were made perfect, and given dominion over all the Earth. They walked with God; they even spoke with Him face to face. The man and woman had no knowledge of sin; this is to say they were completely innocent – free of even the knowledge of guilt. However, this truth changed, through time.

God told the man of a certain tree not to eat from; by which doing so would result in a sure death. Eventually, the man, Adam, ate from the said tree to experience something he never could have imagined. He learned how to conjure evil. Thus, his eyes were opened to see the following:

- 1). He disobeyed God

- 2). He was guilty
- 3). He was no longer innocent
- 4). He was naked
- 5). He was ashamed
- 6). He would surely die
- 7). He was afraid
- 8). Desperate need for hope
- 9). He was sorrowful
- 10). How to blame others for his sin.

These things, which appeared because of sin, saturated Adam and Eve's innocence in guilt and caused future generations to be separated from God. Their actions caused everyone to need repentance and redemption.

The sin of the man eventually caused a separation from the physical presence of God, the gift of everlasting life, and diluted the desire for God's perfect will for many generations. By this, Christ had to come to redeem humanity, because humanity needed to be rescued from the

promised death. And this had to be an exclusive desire of God.

In the book of Genesis, God told the serpent that the woman's seed would be the enemy of his seed – sin, and her seed would bruise his head. This prophecy means that Christ would be given into the world to conquer the sin of the world and to rule over the result of sin – death. His sacrifice covers the sin of past, present, and future generations, unlike previous sacrifices for yearly atonement for sins. Jesus' death was the permanent sacrifice for all of humanity's history and future. Conclusively, it is the sacrifice of the life of the son of God that offers humanity the opportunity to receive an escape from an eternal death and the gift of everlasting life.

[Receive it, if you will].



## 8

# HOW CHRIST

*[God] set aside His supernatural properties, and became human for the sake of redeeming mankind from our promised ending*

Expert scientists would argue that from nothing came everything. Scientists call this event the Big Bang Theory. The book of Genesis of the Holy Bible tells us when God spoke, the items He spoke of came into existence when there was nothing in the void before He spoke. The two statements are related as far as one statement describes what happened, and the other statement describes why and how it happened. Relatively, the same situation applies to Christ. The content of the situation can help answer questions like “how is Christ even a thing” and “how is He human and a part of God?” Another question that may arise is, “How can God stop being himself?” These are all legitimate questions that warrant reasonable, understandable answers.

As we read throughout the books known as *The Holy Bible*, we can discover when God spoke, things came into existence. Creating the

universe must have been way too easy, because these things happened as He spoke. How many humans can do this? While reading the book of Genesis, take notice of how God created things in order. Not one thing was created out of order; He created them perfectly. In the same manner, He created the man; God formed the man in His image.

The man, Adam, was given dominion over all the Earth; to keep it and to rule over it, as well as the animals. Adam did this for a while. He even named the animals. After time passed, when Adam obtained a wife from God, something changed. A cunning serpent deceived Adam's wife, Eve, into eating fruit of a tree of which God commanded Adam not to eat from. That action ultimately led to the man's first disobedient act – the first sin. Humanity was no longer perfect. As a result, the rest of humanity has knowledge of sin; and its properties belonged to us. That's right; sin took ownership over us.

How great of a mistake it was to bring sin to humanity by one disobedient act – a taste of fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil! This action warranted a miracle; something only God could create. So He created the Christ. However, this Christ could not be just a man like Enoch, who walked with God and didn't see death. (Enoch was



also made in the image of God.) God gave something better; He gave himself. The man was made in God's image; innocent but could sin out of free will. God reversed this process to bring Christ into the world; He was God who came in the image of a man. He set aside His supernatural properties, and became human for the sake of redeeming mankind from our promised ending. That is right; when God faced the promised death of man in the Garden of Eden, He changed the script to take back sin's ownership over humanity and the properties of sin by establishing the title, person and responsibility of the Christ.



## 9

# MAN'S NEED TO RECONNECT WITH GOD

*People felt He abandoned them*

When man was placed in the Garden of Eden, he was allowed to freely eat from the Tree of Life – a tree with properties to cause the consumer to live without death. After he sinned, the man no longer had access to the Tree of Life. In the book of Genesis, readers can learn that the man and his wife were set outside of the Garden of Eden because God did not want to allow them to live in sin forever. The sin the man committed was eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He was told that if he ate from that tree, he would surely die. When the man disobeyed God, he was not allowed to live in sin and with the knowledge and capability to commit evil without consequence.

Therefore, he and his wife were set on the outside of the Garden of Eden to live out the remainder of their days, where they did not have access to the Tree of Life – where they would receive their promised end.

Adam and Eve began new phases of their lives on the outside of

Eden, and bore children. After the man and his wife bore descendants, a time came when God removed Himself from the presence of mankind. The decision was a direct result of the drastic increase of sinful activity in the growing population, during that time. In the book of Genesis, readers also can see that the desire of humanity was evil, continually. This means humanity had gotten far away from our initial state – from utter perfection to utter contamination. Therefore, God removed himself from the presence of the thing that offended Him. Sin can't proudly face God and continue to exist. For this reason, God limited His usual walk with humanity. He hid His body and face from humankind, and began leading his people with His spirit, His voice, and laws.

From the perspective of members of western civilization, outside views on the idea of how members of Christianity think and operate are usually judgement-based. People usually feel guilt when faced with biblical content regarding Christianity. Some folks may even feel uncomfortable around pastors of Christian churches. Could this be a result of sin? Could it be a result of non-believers viewing Christianity's members as "finger-pointing judges who act as if we've done no wrong? Is the effort of pushing God away inherited? Even today, humanity

struggles with knowing who God really is, and if He exists, what He wants with us. Some of us choose to pursue a relationship with Him. Some of us choose to seek other ways to feel whole because we feel incomplete. Could these pursuits occur because we inadvertently search for God, or the things only God can give us? Genuine, physical and spiritual connections to God were sought since the days God limited His presence with humanity.

Readers can peer through documented history to discover instances where men, in need of the physical presence of God, carved and molded images of different and multiple creatures to worship. With feeble attempts, humanity created false deities because they felt alone. Readers could identify these instances as humanity's desperate attempts to reconnect with God. Is it possible those people felt He abandoned them?

People groups wanted to see His face; they wanted to know who God was. For some of them, ideas of who God was were not the same as who He is. In later times, people seemed even to get lost in the written laws of Moses in efforts to find actions that were believed to please God. Some scholars may hold an assumption that the laws given to Moses were the only part of God religious leaders relied on due to a supposed

silence from God for around 400 years after the book of Malachi was written. Humanity may not have believed God's presence would return, even as they studied the scriptures. It would seem that society moved forward with an understanding of who God may be and what He may be like instead of who He is.



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## CHRIST THE CONNECTION

*Jesus died for humanity's resurrection and ownership*

[We have mentioned several things about Jesus above, so my efforts will be to keep this section concise and any repetition relevant.]

At the beginning of the descend of man, God declared that a son would be given of the woman's seed to combat the master, properties and wages of sin. God said the heel of this son would bruise the head of the master of sin. Simply, the son would conquer sin, altogether, from the head – not pieces of it, nor one by one; but all together. What this means is that whoever the son will be – to the uninformed creature of Christ's identity– would take back ownership of everything the master of sin, or sin, claimed of any man who became a slave to it.

The reason of Christ is to reverse the adversary's claim on mankind. By the sin of one man, all of mankind was doomed to die. By the death of the one, Innocent Son of God, all of humanity were given the opportunity to live again. This living is not just ordinary living (i.e.



roaming the Earth), this living is the possession of a Life of true freedom with God. The way for humanity to accept this opportunity is by accepting and believing God sent His son, that the Son existed, that He died and rose with all power – even the power over sin and death – and to live in that belief.

Who was this son? The collective books of the Bible tell us that this Son of God was Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph. The first books of the New Testament of the Bible give lineage information relevant to Jesus' identity. Those books also provide detailed information of His life – even after His resurrection.

Several books of the Old Testament of the Bible prophesy as to the settings and circumstances revolving Jesus' birth, life, and death. His authority is also mentioned. Many theologians and bible scholars believe that the incarnated Christ made appearances in the days of the Old Testament; whereas each appearance is referred to as a theophany, or christophany. These moments attest to the authority Christ is and the power He holds. However, these appearances of the Old Testament are not the instances where He saved all of humanity.

Jesus was recorded as a man who had no sin. No one could find sin

attached to Him. Every action, word, and thought were attentively given to God with no detour of focus. As readers study Him, we see that it seems Jesus was always connected with God. We see no instance where God's voice spoke to Him as it did Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and many others. Jesus' connection to God was different. How so? He was the human manifestation of God.

When Jesus touched down on the Earth for His ministry for the salvation of humanity, He gave up His natural power He had in order to complete the task because God can't die; but man can. Jesus had to live according to every law established before His earthly incarnation – just as every man did. He even had to undergo the baptism of repentance; as God said in the book of Numbers, “God is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of Man that He should repent.” These laws could not be fulfilled in Jesus, if He did not renounce His power to become man. This event is known to many scholars as ‘The emptying’.

Readers can now understand that the same struggles we endure, Jesus was tested with. The difference is that His focus was always on God; His will was always to do the will of His Father. Jesus had a mission to accomplish that was the most significant job ever to be done; and He

alone could do it – no one else. So, with boldness, He taught. With the Holy Spirit, He healed and resurrected. As a man, He solely relied on the Spiritual Connection with God, in order to give honor where it was due. In no instance did Jesus boast in himself. In fact, He took His mission of redemption straight to the cross and forgave everyone their sin. These actions took supernatural obedience. Who could do this? He did not curse the day He was born as Job did. He did not ask God to send fire from Heaven to consume His enemies, as the prophet, Elijah did. With genuine, immovable love, He gave His life for the lives of His beautiful creation. Then He rose with power most of humanity never believed He could have. This same Jesus died for humanity's resurrection and ownership.

Readers can now see that Jesus is not about Christianity. He was about God, and He was about saving humanity. From its origin, Christianity has always been about Jesus, and His mission to glorify the Father and save humanity from sin.



# WHAT TO EXPECT IN A CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Christianity is not a group of perfect believers but the members are believers in a perfect God, who redeemed humanity from the wages of our misdeeds.*

Knowing first steps of accepting salvation is essential to understanding roles of a Christian life. The book of Romans contains certain information on the very basis of the start of a new life. This information is contained in chapter ten and verses nine through ten. If that section is read, one may come to find that information as the basis of what it takes to accept the salvation extended to everyone.

Some new believers get the idea that when we finally accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we would be received into the free and perfect, global community of Christianity – if not local. It is recommended that we understand believers are mending, broken people who choose to work at living a life pleasing to God. The process will take work – as it usually a lifetime of work. Christianity is not a group of perfect believers but the members are believers in a perfect God, who redeemed humanity

from the wages of our misdeeds. The disciple's life is a continual life of growth in a relationship with God as the leader of the individual and collective lives. Continue growing in favor and knowledge of God.

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Now is the opportunity to choose what you believe. With the above information, readers can consider the above statements, with reason, to help determine what Christianity is. Research is always encouraged. Readers can learn the meaning of Christianity surrounds reconnecting with the one, true God.



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