

Islam and Christianity

Islam	Christianity
Who will be saved?	
<p>These are the fundamental beliefs which every Muslim must ascribe to:</p> <p>Six Articles of Faith:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Belief in Allah 2) Belief in the Last Day 3) Belief in Angels 4) Belief in the Book 5) Belief in the 28 Prophets 6) Belief in Predestination <p>'True piety is this: to believe in God, and the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, and the Prophets' (Qur'an 2:177) Surat al-Baqarah</p> <p>The Qur'an emphasises necessity of both faith and good works for salvation.</p>	<p>These are the fundamental beliefs which every Christian must adhere to along with the Golden Rule:</p> <p>10 Commandments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Have no other gods. 2) Have no idols. 3) Honour God's name. 4) Honour the Sabbath day. 5) Honour your parents. 6) Do not murder. 7) Do not commit adultery. 8) Do not steal. 9) Do not perjure yourself. 10) Do not covet. <p>Golden Rule</p> <p>"do unto others as you would have them do to you"</p> <p>(Matt. 7:12)</p> <p>Those who believe in God will not be condemned</p> <p>'God so loved the world that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life'</p> <p>John 3:16</p>

<p>Who won't be saved?</p> <p>Unbelievers (<i>kuffar</i>, literally "those who are ungrateful") and unrepented sinners will be condemned.</p> <p>God does not accept adherence to any religion other than Islam: "And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him and he will be one of the losers in the Hereafter." (Quran, 3:84)</p>	<p>Who won't be saved?</p> <p><u>Revelation 21:8</u> "But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."</p> <p><u>Romans 10:13</u> "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."</p>
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What is Salvation?	
<p>Salvation by faith alone is not enough in Islam. One must also do good deeds. The purpose of life for a Muslim is to live according to the will of Allah so that one may succeed in the Hereafter. Submission to the will of Allah is the key to salvation. The will of Allah is in the Qur'an, the word of God according to Muslims. Muslims also look to the Hadiths. There are many Hadiths and some sects deem certain Hadiths unreliable.</p>	<p>"Sacred scripture uses the word salvation mainly in the sense of liberation of the human race or individual man from sin and its consequences" Catholic Encyclopaedia</p> <p>Salvation is associated with the afterlife and is seen as either initiated by God or is based solely on the actions of the individual.</p> <p>Christianity is a religion of salvation. Jesus died for humanity's sins. Salvation is a gift freely offered by God to all of humanity.</p> <p>Jesus is the manifestation of God on earth. He came in human form to offer all who believe a chance to be saved.</p>

<p>Hadiths are a record of the traditions and sayings of Muhammad. Sunnis follow Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim mainly. Shias look to Kitab al-Kafi as their main Hadith. Muslims follow the Hadiths to try and live like the Prophet Muhammad. This is called Sunna. Muslims believe that Muhammad was the final and greatest messenger of Allah, 'The Seal of the Prophets'. The Six Articles of Faith; Belief in One God, The Last Day, The Angels, Prophets, Holy Book, Predestination and the Five Pillars; (Belief) Shahada, (Prayer) Salat, (Fasting) Sawm, (Charity) Zakat, (Pilgrimage) Hajj are a summary of what a Muslim must believe and what a Muslim must practice respectively, in order to be go to Heaven. As the Prophet Muhammad is in Paradise, Muslims try and live the way he lived so that they too can enter Paradise. Angels record our good and bad deeds from the age of puberty. On the Day of Judgement God will be</p>	<p>Jesus died willingly to show victory over death and to initiate salvation for sinful humanity.</p> <p>Live according to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.</p> <p>Love and live according to the standards of God.</p> <p>Follow the Jesus' teachings in the Bible because he is the manifestation of God on earth and through the Bible the will of God is made clear.</p>
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presented with a list of our deeds and if our good outweigh our bad deeds then one will gain access to Paradise.

Sin: an immoral act considered to be transgression against divine law.

Intentional sin and **unintentional sin**

There are major and minor sins

Abstaining From the Major Sins Cause the Lesser Sins to be Overlooked

Especially condemned:

pride, immorality, hypocrisy, greed, ingratitude to God, injustice, fornication

The greatest sin of all is to associate someone else with God (shirk), that is to put someone or something on the same level of God in your mind and heart

Original Sin: the actions of Adam as the head of the human race is the cause of original sin.

Sin is the human failure to do God's will

Sin is not absolute – God can forgive. Sin destroys person and community. Sin is breaking the Covenant. Jesus denounces – infidelity, hypocrisy, scandal

Mortal sin/Grave sin Knowing and willful violation of God's law in a serious matter, for example, idolatry, adultery, murder, slander – lose God eternally if die without repentance

Venial sin Do not break relationship with God but injure it. It is a slight sin such as trivial gossiping. Law of God only disobeyed slightly.

Personal Sin: Sin is the decision of the person. Being in a state of sin is continuously acting in an unloving way towards God and others.

	Social Sin: Sins that affect us and others. Violence, Personal and Social. Media, Fear, Poverty
Forgiveness	

<p>(a) The person must confess their sin directly to Allah</p> <p>(b) They should then repent of that sin sincerely, intending to never do it again</p> <p>(c) They should then trust in the promises of Allah's forgiveness in the Qur'an</p> <p>To this basic process, the Qur'an also adds that repentance should be proved by doing good deeds.</p> <p>Genuine repentance results in Allah's forgiveness and entrance into Paradise upon death</p>	<p>Belief in Jesus allows sinners to redeem</p> <p>There is a sacrament that allows us to seek God's forgiveness – Reconciliation/Confession</p> <p>It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The word of God • Confession of Sin • The giving of penance • Prayer of Sorrow • Prayer of Absolution <p>One must go to confession to perform this sin and confess to the mediator – the Priest.</p> <p>Christians believe in redemption that if they accept good news and turn away from sin God will forgive them.</p>
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Angels	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims believe angels record our good and bad behaviour • Angels were created from light before human beings were created • They are beautiful beings with wings described in Muslim scripture • Angels form different cosmic orders in the sense that they are of different size, status, and merit • The greatest of them is Gabriel. The Prophet of Islam actually saw him in his original form. • <i>Jibreel</i> (Gabriel), <i>Mika'eel</i> (Michael)- Only Gabriel and Michael are mentioned in the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardian angels records thoughts, feelings deeds. We each have a guardian angel.

Satan	
<p>When Allah ordered the angels to bow down to the newly created man, Adam, Iblis refused to do so because he, being made of fire, thought himself superior to a creature made of earth and so Iblis became Satan and spends his time trying to lead the righteous astray.</p> <p>All humans are born Muslim it</p>	<p>Satan in the form of a Serpent in the Garden of Eden tempted Eve.</p> <p>Satan is believed to be an angel who rebelled against God. His goal is to lead people away from the love of God; i.e., to lead them to evil.</p>

<p>Satan who leads us astray. That is why converts are called reverts.</p>	
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Day of Judgement
<p>Islam</p> <p>Muslims believe that the present life is only a preparation for the next life. This world is material and only temporary and testing. Humans are Khalifas representatives of God on earth and one must not stray from the right path by giving into human desire and weaknesses</p> <p>At puberty an account of each person's good and bad deeds is opened, and this will be used at the Day of Judgment to determine one's eternal fate.</p> <p>Christianity</p> <p>God will judge all at the end of time and those who achieve salvation will be blessed and experience eternal happiness in Paradise</p>