

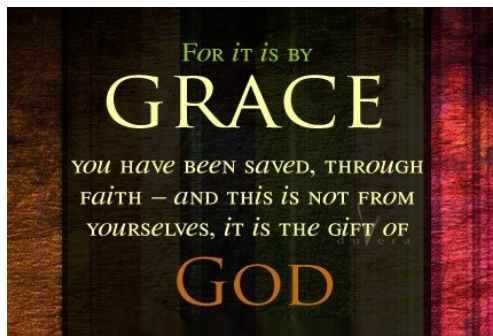
ORIGINAL SIN AND SIN

SIN means going against God’s laws. The Bible explains the way humans sin and links it with SALVATION, God saving them for the consequences of their sins.

ORIGINAL SIN is one idea that as a consequence of Adam and Eve’s disobeying God their sin has been passed down through the generations and it is this that causes mankind to do things against God’s law and this separates them from God.

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ESCHATOLOGY

ESCHATOLOGY means ‘last things’ and in a Christian context is about death, judgement and heaven and hell. Christian belief about an afterlife is central to the beliefs and is seen in Jesus, own death and resurrection

SIN AND SALVATION

It is SIN that separates mankind from GOD. Through Jesus’ death on the cross, as a willing sacrifice, he ATONED for the SINS of mankind allowing them to hope for SALVATION to live with God for eternity after death.

How salvation is achieved depends on which DENOMINATION you belong to.

CATHOLICS believe followers will gain salvation through the SACRAMENTS, by baptism the washing away of sins, by CONFESSING the sins committed and paying PENANCE (doing something to make up for your sins)

PROTESTANTS believe it is through FAITH in Jesus and the REPENTING of their sins that they will achieve salvation.

Christians believe the HOLY SPIRIT brings Christians GRACE to help them live a good life free of sin. This GRACE is not deserved but given them by God to forgive their sins paid for through the death of Jesus.

THE AFTER LIFE QUOTES

“For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in sin. Then those also who have died in Christ do not have eternal life.” (1Corinthians Ch 15)

“I believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come” (The Nicene

JOHN’S GOSPEL AND THE AFTERLIFE

John’s Gospel is often called an ESCHATOLOGICAL Gospel as he often refers to the afterlife. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead he says “I am the resurrection and the life, the one who believes in me will live even though they die”

Explaining Heaven Jesus says “my fathers house has many rooms.....I am going there to prepare a space for you”

Jesus also says “I am the way the truth and the life , no one comes to the Father (God) except through me”

JUDGEMENT , RESURRECTION, HEAVEN AND HELL

Christians believe there will be a Day of Judgement where God will judge them on the quality of their lives. Jesus will return to bring about the PAROUSIA , the end of human earthly existence. The parable of the ‘Sheep and Goats’ explains this judgement. The Apostles creed states “and God will come and judge the living and the dead”

People will be resurrected into a glorified state free of pain, suffering and death, purified of sin. The parable of ‘Lazerus and the Rich Man’ shows that the good will be rewarded and the sinful punished. Christians believe the spiritual part of a person, the soul, joins God in heaven when they die, but at the Parousia there is a physical resurrection like Jesus.

Some Christians feel Heaven is a physical place and others a spiritual dimension, and the same is true about Hell. Hell is a place of punishment either actual or spiritual as some Christians believe the real torment is being apart from God. The length of time spent in Hell is also debated as if God is OMNIBENEVOLENT he would not make someone suffer for ever but forgive them. The idea of PURGATORY is believed by many to be a waiting room until your sins are forgiven. The time spent there depends on the seriousness of your sins.