

The Nature of God:

- God's qualities: Omnipotent and Omnibenevolent
- Evil and Suffering
- Trinity

Key Sources of Authority:

- Exodus 7-11
- Exodus 14: 21
- Book of Job 1: 8-12
- Psalm 86: 15
- John 3: 16
- Romans 8: 37-39
- John 10: 30
- John 14: 6-11

Key Concepts:

Omnipotent	Characteristic of God – all powerful, almighty and unlimited nature of God	Atonement	Belief Jesus' death healed the rift between humans and God
Omnibenevolent	Characteristic of God – all loving and infinitely good	Resurrection	Belief Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, conquering death
Trinity	Three persons of God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Sacraments	Outward sign of an inward and invisible blessing by God
Incarnation	God becoming man in the form of Jesus	Evangelism	Preaching of the gospel to others with the intention of converting others to the Christian faith

Key Beliefs:

Nature of God 'omni'	Christians believe in one God (monotheism). The teaching of the Bible is that God is all powerful (omnipotent) and all-good (omnibenevolent). Christians believe God is the creator of all things and is eternal . These beliefs are found in the Bible , one of the most important sacred sources of authority for all Christians.
Evil and Suffering	Christians believe suffering is a result of human sin and a turning away from God. It becomes a test of faith and suffering is often a result of the misuse of free will . Many people find it difficult to believe in a kind and all powerful God who allows so much suffering and the existence of evil .
The Trinity	The belief that God is one and that there are three persons of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit	God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit; the three persons of God are one. The belief in the Trinity is expressed in the Apostles' Creed , where God the Father is in heaven , Jesus Christ is the Son of God in human form on earth and the Holy Spirit , or the Paraclete , is at work in the world.

Key Connections:

How does beliefs about the nature of God relate to other areas of your study?

Our Father prayer worship creation Apostles' Creed

Exam Practice:

- What do Christians mean by the Trinity? (2)
- 'Jesus was just an ordinary man.' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (you must refer to religion and belief in your answer). (15)