



5 Starter Facts About Christianity

1. Christianity is the largest world religion, with over 2 billion followers worldwide – 1/3 of the global population – and ~230 million in the United States – 71% of the national population.
2. There are thousands of denominations, or branches, of Christianity. But the common thread is being a monotheistic religion and the belief Jesus Christ is the Messiah, or savior. Christians believe he sacrificed so that mankind can be forgiven for their sins.
3. Jesus was crucified on a cross, making it the most holy symbol among Christians. The most important holiday, Easter, celebrates his resurrection.
4. The Christian Bible comprises the Old Testament (the Jewish Torah) and the New Testament. A common divergence amongst denominations is the degree of adherence to it.
5. Central teachings revolve around sin and salvation. Followers believe mankind can only be forgiven through repentance and belief in Christ as the messiah.

Learn more at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/>

<https://www.uri.org/kids/world-religions/christian-beliefs>

<https://www.history.com/topics/history-of-christianity>

<https://www.ted.com/topics/christianity>

These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they will encourage you to explore this tradition more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. It is our firm belief that in understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity

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