

Christianity

The religion founded by Jesus Christ, a Jew by birth is called Christianity, otherwise called reformed, modern and novel Judaism. It is also a monotheistic religion like Judaism believing Jesus as prophet and in course of time he is propagated as the true image of God on earth. 'New Testament of the Bible' is the sacred text of Christianity.

Basic features of Christianity as a religion

Christianity is somehow influenced by Zoroastrianism and Judaism, but it has many own speciality and distinctive features based upon the divine sayings of Jesus. These are some basic features given below.

- It is a monotheistic religion establishing faith on one and only one God.
- God is a pure person of extra-ordinary pure spirit, consciousness and will unlikely ordinary people.
- Christianity believes in trinity; God the father, God the son and the holy spirit. Although God is one, He is three in one with internal trinity.
- Jesus, often regarded as the son of Supreme Father is the Messiah or Prophet of God and carries the real image of God on earth. The godly person is none but Jesus himself.
- With much metaphysical, ethical and moral attributes God is also loving father for His sons, the people.
- God is the creator, sustainer and destroyer of the world.

According to his will he may create or destroy the world at any time.

- God creates man after his own image and for this man is great. But he has free will granted by God and by misusing it he can commit sin, as Adam had committed on the prime stage of world and this sin was the root cause of man's suffering. The sin is defined as disobedience to God.

- God is benign and lover of mankind and His wish is to liberate human beings from all sorts of sufferings because of their going on evil way. That is why, He sent Jesus on earth to educate people properly on the right path. Thus Jesus is the redeemer of man.

- The theory of Christianity is to love God and for shake of Him one should love his neighbours from innermost of his heart. Love is the main slogan of Christianity.

- For the redemption and salvation of man a sincere moral life with love is sufficient, nevertheless a simple prayer without any rituals and sacrifices is also taught in Christianity. The redemption is the ultimate fruit of God's grace.

- The immortality of soul and the life after deathñ this concept is taken for granted in Christianity. There is a day of final Judgment at the divine Court of God and resurrection of the dead on that day and the allotment of heaven and hell in accordance with the worldly deeds of men are the chief ingredients of Christian eschatology.

- The concept of heaven and hell is accepted in this faith as the symbol of eternal immortal life and damnation in constant fellowship with God.

- Like son of God there are heavenly angels, both good and bad. Satan is chief of evil angels, the devil and God is that of good angels, the divine, but Satan is not out of control of God.