



COMPARING ISLAM TO CHRISTIANITY

Some people say that all religions are the same....that God is the same God in every religion. The Bible absolutely disagrees with this position. In fact, in John 14:6, Jesus Christ makes this bold statement: **⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

Today's study will explore key differences in the core beliefs from each of these religions.

BELIEF	ISLAM	CHRISTIANITY
God	Only one god - called Allah	Only one God - a triune being called God or Yahweh
Jesus	A prophet who was virgin-born, but not the Son of God	Divine son of God who was virgin-born. He is God's Word and Savior to humanity
Crucifixion	Jesus was not crucified. Someone was substituted for Jesus and He hid until He could meet with the disciples	A fact of history that is necessary for the atonement of sin and the salvation of believers
Jesus' Resurrection	Since Muslims do not believe in the Crucifixion, there is no need to believe in the Resurrection	A fact of history that signifies God's victory over sin and death
Trinity	A blasphemy signifying belief in three gods. In Islam, the Trinity is mistakenly thought to be God, Jesus, and Mary	The one God is eternally revealed in three coequal and coeternal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
Sin	Sin is disobedience to the established law. Sin does not grieve Allah.	Sin is rebellion against God. Sin grieves God
Man	Man is created by Allah and is sinless	Man is created in God's image and is sinful by nature
Salvation	Salvation is achieved by submitting to the will of Allah. There is no assurance of salvation - it is granted by Allah's mercy alone	Salvation is a gift accepted by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ on the Cross and provided through God's grace
Bible	Muslims accept the Bible (especially the Pentateuch, Psalms, and Gospels) insofar as it agrees with the Qur'an	The Bible is the inspired Word of God that is complete and not to be added to
Qur'an (Koran)	A later revelation that supersedes and corrects errors in the Bible	Not accepted as divine revelation



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Muhammad	The last in the line of prophets and, therefore, the final authority in spiritual matters	Not accepted as a prophet or legitimate theological source
Angels	These divine messengers are created from light and are not worshipped. Satan is an angel	Angels are defined in the Bible as heavenly servants of God who act as His messengers
Last Days	There will be bodily resurrection and final judgment with final destination. All Muslims go to heaven, though some must be purged of their sins first. All infidels are destined for hell	There will be bodily resurrection in the last days. Final judgment and eternal destination (heaven or hell) will be decided based on acceptance of Jesus as Savior and His removal of the sin which separates each person from God

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Do You Know Where You Will Spend Eternity?

ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER'S PRAYER

Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.