

Key Vocabulary

Old Testament	The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible, covering the time before the birth of Jesus. Many of these stories are also shared by Jewish people.	free will	Free will – the Christian belief that God gave humankind the ability to choose for themselves what is right and good – or not – including to believe in him.
New Testament	The New Testament is the second part of the Bible containing the Gospels- stories about Jesus and his teaching; the history of the Early Church and many letters written by its leaders to churches across the known world.	The Fall	'The Fall' is the Christian belief that the choices made by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden had consequences and broke the relationship between God, humankind and the natural world.
sin	Sin is choosing to go against the will and laws of God. Christians believe sin has consequences that must be paid for and that Jesus did this once and for all through his death on the cross.	covenant	Covenant – a special type of agreement or promise that people make to each other. God made covenants with his people, the Israelites.
rescue	Rescue is the act of being saved from something that might cause harm.	salvation	Salvation is the Christian belief that Jesus' death and resurrection have rescued Christians from the effects of 'the Fall' and mended the broken relationship between God and humankind.
Saviour	Saviour is one of the names that Christians have for Jesus. It means rescuer. He is also called 'Messiah' or 'annointed one'.	Kingdom	A Kingdom is a place where a king reigns; Jesus taught people about God's Kingdom; for Christians, they live as part of God's Kingdom here on earth, following the example that Jesus set.
resurrection	Resurrection means God bringing Jesus back from death to life. This means that Christians can have hope for the future and be with God after they die.	atonement	Atonement is the act of paying for sins with a sacrifice which brings reconciliation.
prophecy	Prophecy is a message from God, sometimes about what he has planned for the future.	reconciliation	Reconciliation is 'making up'; the mending of a broken relationship.

In the Old Testament we see that Christians believe:

- God made the world.
- He made people to be in relationship with Him.
- He wanted people to be friends and be kind to each other, to follow His Laws.
- But people didn't do as they were told. This is called sin.
- Sin puts people far from God.

In the New Testament we see that Christians believe:

- God sent Jesus – the Messiah – to die on the cross so that they didn't get punished for their sins
- Instead, Jesus was punished in their place.

This is <u>atonement</u>: people were once far from God but are now close to Him because Jesus died in humanity's place.





Year 5 Autumn 2: Christianity: Salvation

Why is the idea of rescue so important to Christians and how does the bible show this?