Christian Beliefs
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Christian Beliefs is a condensed version of the author’s in depth Systematic Theology, and is definitely a ‘must read’ as it covers the ground work of what it means to be a Christian. It touches many of the big and sometimes hard to grasp topics like election and justification in a very readable way. It is not ‘all you need to know about...’, but instead an opening into discovering more about what the Bible teaches.

The book is split into 20 chapters, each dealing with one aspect of Christianity – for example ‘What is the Trinity?’ Grudem explains what the different aspects mean, always using Scripture to justify his explanation. One of the most helpful aspects of the book is that each chapter ends with some questions to ponder, which really helps to solidify what you’ve read.

It is useful for both new Christians and for those not new to the faith as it covers areas that we sometimes don’t engage with; with chapters on ‘What is the Trinity?’ and ‘What Are Angels, Satan and Demons?’. It is even a means to engage with friends who are interested in finding out more about Christianity.

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I could do that
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A brilliant book - at the same time both easy and challenging to read. The short chapters lend themselves to the busy student who’s reading between lectures or clinics, and are written in an engaging and personal style. With 15 short accounts there’s bound to be a story that really touches you, or gives ideas either for working abroad or supporting overseas healthcare workers. It’s a real challenge to read this book and not be inspired or stirred.

Qualifying and working abroad may seem far away now but this book has something to say to everyone; from students to qualified doctors and healthcare workers to those who’ve retired. As a student I feel pretty radical and adventurous, but it’s very clear that God’s plans are much more extravagant and daring than we imagine. Although I have a heart for working abroad, this book surprisingly also spoke to the part of me that is considering staying in the UK and showed how God can use people dramatically wherever they are. Each story is written by a different person, in a different style and with different adventures; however the recurring theme is that with God all things are possible!

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What are Christian beliefs? With thirty-two percent of the world's population claiming to embrace Christianity and many of those beliefs contradicting each other, something is obviously wrong! There are vast differences among those who believe they hold to Christian beliefs. Sadly, for many, their Christian beliefs are not based on the Bible alone and they, therefore, only have so-called Christian beliefs and are Christians in name only! The Lord Jesus taught Christianity Beliefs. Some basic Christian concepts include: Christians are monotheistic, i.e., they believe there’s only one God, and he created the heavens and the earth. This divine Godhead consists of three parts: the father (God himself), the son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. The essence of Christianity revolves around the life, death and Christian beliefs on the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe God sent his son Jesus, the messiah, to save the world.

Christianity: Basic Beliefs. Christians believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God “fully human and fully divine” and that through believing in him and following his teachings they can inherit eternal life. How did Christianity begin? Christianity traces its beginning to the miraculous birth, adult ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, known as Jesus Christ. Over 2000 years ago in Palestine (today’s Israel), Jesus was born into a humble Jewish family. Christians believe that there is only one God, whom they call Father as Jesus Christ taught them. They recognise Jesus as the son of God and believe God functions as a Trinity. The Trinity.

Christian beliefs concerning God. There is only one God. God is a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. First of all, Christians believe that man is made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26; 9:6; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Colossians 3:10; James 3:9). Though created by God (Genesis 1, 2) man did not always obey God (Genesis 3). We call this the fall of man. Because of man’s fall, sin was introduced into the world and the result is a finite physical life (Romans 5:12). Salvation. The study of salvation is called Soteriology. Basic Beliefs of a Christian. As I said at the outset, these are just some of the basic beliefs of a Christian.