

Disciple Christian

THE CORNERSTONE OF CHRISTIANITY

Jesus Christ – The Chief Cornerstone

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Everything in the Christian faith is built upon Christ. He is the foundation, the fulfillment of prophecy, and the center of God's redemptive plan.

Jesus Led a Sinless Life, The Propitiation for our sins, Atonement, Redemption, The Deity Of Jesus, His Resurrection, Only way to God the Father, Our Lord and Savior, God's Love Demonstrated, we who believe in Him are made Righteousness through Jesus Etc. Etc. Etc.

The 40 Pillars of Christianity

1. Love

“God is love.” – 1 John 4:8

Central to God's nature and the greatest commandment. It is the motivation for all Christian living.

2. The Word of God (Scripture)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching...” – 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible is the inspired, authoritative revelation of God's will and truth.

3. Faith / Believe & Trust in Jesus

“The just shall live by faith.” – Romans 1:17

The means by which we receive God's grace and walk in His promises.

4. Repentance

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” – Matthew 3:2

A turning away from sin and turning to God; the gateway to transformation.

5. Grace

“For by grace are ye saved through faith.” – Ephesians 2:8

Unmerited favor—God's gift that enables salvation and sanctification.

6. Forgiveness

“Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” – Luke 6:37

A divine act that restores fellowship with God and others.

7. Born Again

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” – John 3:3

A spiritual rebirth by the Holy Spirit, not just a moral change.

8. Reconciliation

“God... has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” – 2 Corinthians 5:18
Restoration of the broken relationship between humanity and God through Christ.

9. Salvation

“There is no other name... by which we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12
Deliverance from sin and its consequences, made possible by Christ’s atonement.

10. Abiding In Jesus, and God in Us

John 15:4 –“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

11. Regeneration

“According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration.” – Titus 3:5
The Holy Spirit’s work of renewing the heart and imparting spiritual life.

12. Sanctification

“This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:3
The process of being made holy—set apart for God’s purposes.

13. Resurrection from the Dead

“If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain.” – 1 Corinthians 15:17
The bodily resurrection affirms victory over death and assures believers of eternal life.

14. The Holy Spirit

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” – Acts 1:8
The indwelling Spirit empowers, guides, convicts, teaches, and comforts believers.

15. Prayer

“Pray without ceasing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
Direct communication with God; a vital discipline for intimacy, guidance, and strength.

16. Obedience

“If you love me, keep my commandments.” – John 14:15
True faith expresses itself in a life of submission and obedience to God’s will.

17. Worship

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24
Worship is the believer’s response of reverence and love toward God.

18. Discipleship

“Go and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19
A lifelong process of growing in Christ and helping others do the same.

19. The Church (Body of Christ)

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” – 1 Corinthians 12:27

The global community of believers united in Christ for worship, fellowship, and mission.

20. Spiritual Gifts

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” – 1 Corinthians 12:7

Divine empowerments given for ministry, service, and edifying the Church.

21. Justice and Mercy

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy...” – Micah 6:8

A call to reflect God's character through compassion, fairness, and care for the oppressed.

22. Evangelism / Missions

“Preach the gospel to all creation.” – Mark 16:15

Sharing the good news of Christ's salvation with the world.

23. Truth

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” – John 14:6

Jesus is the embodiment of truth. Christians are called to live by and stand for absolute, divine truth.

24. The Way (Direction/Guidance) / God's Wisdom

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – Psalm 119:105

Christ provides direction for life, leading believers on a path of righteousness.

James 1:5–6 – “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”

25. Hope

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul.” – Hebrews 6:19

Confident expectation of God's promises, sustaining believers through trials and pointing to eternal glory.

26. Compassion

“Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick.” – Matthew 14:14

A Christ-like heart that sees and responds to suffering with love and mercy.

27. Charity (Agape Love in Action) / Fasting

“Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” – 1 Corinthians 13:13

Love expressed through generosity, selflessness, and kindness, especially to the poor and needy.

Isaiah 58:6–9 –

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?”

7 Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?

8 Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily: and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

9 Then shall you call, and the LORD shall answer; you shall cry, and he shall say, Here I am.”

28. Holiness (Lifestyle of Purity) Holiness

“Be holy, for I am holy.” – 1 Peter 1:16

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.” – Hebrews 12:14

Reflecting God’s character through moral and spiritual purity.

29. Righteousness through Jesus

“He made Him... to be sin for us... that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” – 2 Corinthians 5:21

Believers are justified and made right with God not by works, but through Christ’s righteousness.

30. Servanthood

“Whoever wants to be first must be your servant.” – Matthew 20:27

True greatness in God’s kingdom is marked by humility and service to others.

31. Covenant Relationship

“This is the new covenant in My blood.” – Luke 22:20

Through Christ, God establishes a lasting, grace-filled relationship with His people.

32. God’s Sovereignty

“Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.” – Psalm 115:3

God reigns over all creation, history, and individual lives with perfect wisdom and power.

33. Unity in the Spirit

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” – Ephesians 4:3

Believers are called to live in harmony, reflecting the oneness of the Body of Christ.

34. Peace of God

“The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds.” – Philippians 4:7

Inner tranquility that comes from trust in God and reconciliation with Him.

35. Patience

“Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” – Ephesians 4:2
A fruit of the Spirit that reflects trust in God’s timing and grace toward others.

36. Self-Control

“God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and self-control.” – 2 Timothy 1:7
Mastery over impulses and desires, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

37. Humility

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” – James 4:6
Recognizing our dependence on God and esteeming others above ourselves.

38. Perseverance / Endurance

“He who endures to the end shall be saved.” – Matthew 24:13
Steadfast faith and obedience through trials and opposition.

39. The Second Coming of Christ

“This same Jesus... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” – Acts 1:11
The blessed hope of Christ’s return to judge the world and establish His eternal kingdom.

40. Eternal Life

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” – Romans 6:23
Everlasting fellowship with God, the ultimate hope and reward of the Christian faith.

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1. CORE DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

These are foundational truths that define what Christians believe about salvation and God’s redemptive work.

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- **Grace** – “For by grace are ye saved through faith.” – *Ephesians 2:8*
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2. SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

These doctrines describe the inner transformation and renewal that occur through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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3. CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND VIRTUES

The fruit and expression of a Spirit-filled life in alignment with God’s character.

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- **Hope** – “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul.” – *Hebrews 6:19*
- **Truth** – “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” – *John 14:6*

- **The Way / Direction from God** – “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – *Psalms 119:105*
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4. CHRISTIAN PRACTICE AND WORSHIP

How believers express devotion to God through lifestyle, discipline, and obedience.

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- **Worship** – “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” – *John 4:24*
- **Obedience** – “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” – *John 14:15*
- **Fasting and Charity (Agape Love in Action)**
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“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness... to deal your bread to the hungry... bring the poor... when you see the naked, cover him... Then your light shall break forth as the morning...” – *Isaiah 58:6–9*

5. CHURCH LIFE AND SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT

God’s design for believers to grow, serve, and live in spiritual community.

- **Word of God (Scripture)** – “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” – *2 Timothy 3:16*
- **Holy Spirit** – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” – *Acts 1:8*

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- **Servanthood** – “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” – *Matthew 20:26–27*

6. JUSTICE, MERCY, AND COMPASSION

Reflecting God’s heart for the poor, the hurting, and the oppressed.

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- **Compassion** – “Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick.” – *Matthew 14:14*
- **Charity (Generous Love in Action)** – “Give, and it will be given to you... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” – *Luke 6:38*