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# WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

2 PETER 1:1

**2 Pet. 1:1, “Simon Peter, a bondservant  
and apostle of Jesus Christ,**

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λαγχάνω

*langchano* aor act  
part masc plur dat  
to receive by  
appointment or by  
lot; cast lots

ἰσότιμος *isotomos*

fem sing acc

equally precious; of  
equal value

πίστις *pistis* fem sing

acc faith, belief,  
trust; value; proof

**Jude 3, “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”**

πίστις pístis;

with article: here it refers to a specific body of doctrine; the content of what a person believes

**Acts 20:28**, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Acts 20:29**, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

**Acts 20:30**, “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

**Acts 20:31**, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

**What is the “body of what we believe?”**

**1. Foundation must be God. The foundation of every faith rests on some authority.**

**The God of the New Testament is based on  
the revelation of the God of the Old  
Testament.**

- 1. The Creator God**
- 2. The Holy God**
- 3. The Redeeming God**
- 4. The Forgiving God**

**1 Cor. 15:1, “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,**

**1 Cor. 15:2, “by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.**

**1 Cor. 15:3, “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

**1 Cor. 15:4, “and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,”**

**1 Cor. 15:5**, “and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

**1 Cor. 15:6**, “After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

**1 Cor. 15:7**, “After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

**1 Cor. 15:8**, “Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

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**Lev. 11:44, “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**

**Lev. 11:45, “For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”**

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**Ex. 6:6, “Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.’ ”**

**Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

**Rom. 3:24, “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”**

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**Ex. 34:6, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,**

**Ex. 34:7, “ ‘keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.’ ”**

- 1. Foundation must be God. The foundation of every faith rests on some authority.**
- 2. The Authority of Scripture. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21**

**Matt. 5:18, “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter [‘jot’] or stroke [‘tittle’] shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.”**

**2 Pet. 1:20**, “[because we] know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

**2 Pet. 1:21**, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**2 Pet. 2:1**, “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”

**2 Tim. 3:15**, “and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Tim. 3:16**, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

**2 Tim. 3:17**, “that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

**3. Christianity is grounded on a specific declaration of redemption.**

**Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

**Rom. 3:24, “being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”**

**John 3:3**, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ ”

**1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,**

**1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”**

**Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**1 John 2:2**, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

**1 John 4:10**, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”