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# WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

## PART 2

2 PETER 1:1

**2 Peter 1:1b, “To those who have obtained  
like precious faith with us by the  
righteousness of our God and Savior  
Jesus Christ:”**

**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.”**

**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.”**

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

**SALVATION: Faith  
alone in Christ alone**

**MAN: Spiritually dead**

**WORK OF CHRIST:  
Penal substitute**

**CHRIST: Fully God, True humanity**

**AUTHORITY: *Sola Scriptura***

**GOD: Creator, Triune, Infinite, Personal**

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

**DVP**

**GOD**

**Personal-Infinite**

**FINITE UNIVERSE**

*Man*

*Animals*

*Vegetation*

*Matter/Energy*

**HVP**

**INFINITE-  
IMPERSONAL  
Universe**

*God  
man  
nature*

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- 2. The Authority of Scripture. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21**

**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.**

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**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.”**

**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.”**

**John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”**

**John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**