

Aspirational Vocabulary

| Term | Definition |
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| The Fall | The Christian belief that humanity turned away from God through sin, beginning with Adam and Eve. |
| Sin | An action or thought that goes against God's will. |
| Temptation | A desire to do something wrong or unwise. |
| Interpretation | The way someone understands or explains a text or idea. |
| Free Will | The ability to choose between different actions and beliefs. |
| Original Sin | The belief that all humans inherit a sinful nature from Adam and Eve. |
| Redemption | The action of being saved from sin, often associated with Jesus in Christianity. |
| Equality | The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities. |
| Easter | The Christian celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. |
| Resurrection | The belief that Jesus rose from the dead, defeating sin and death. |

Why do people interpret the Bible differently?

- People come from different cultures, times, and traditions, which affects how they read the Bible.
- Some take the Bible literally, others see it as symbolic or metaphorical.
- Different Christian denominations may emphasise different parts of the Bible.

Why are there both good and bad people?

- Christians believe humans were created good but have free will, which means they can choose to do wrong.
- The Fall explains why people sometimes act in selfish or harmful ways.
- Many believe that people are capable of both great good and serious wrongdoing.

Are all humans fallen?

- Christianity teaches that all humans inherit Original Sin from Adam and Eve.
- This means people are born with a tendency to sin and need forgiveness from God.
- Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are seen as the way to restore the relationship between humans and God.

Why are people good and bad?

- People have free will and can choose their actions.
- Upbringing, environment, and personal experiences all influence behaviour.

Christian teachings encourage love, forgiveness, and justice, even when people do wrong.

Fallen humans and gender equality

- Some parts of the Bible have been used to justify gender inequality.
- Others argue that Jesus treated women equally and that all humans are created in God's image (Imago Dei).
- Modern Christians may believe that sin includes social injustice, such as sexism, and should be challenged.

Extra: The significance of Easter in Christianity

- Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection and victory over sin and death.
- It gives Christians hope of eternal life and forgiveness.
- It marks the end of Holy Week, which includes Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

Big Questions

- 1) Why do Christians believe all humans are affected by the Fall?
- 2) How does the Bible influence people's understanding of good and evil?
- 3) Can fallen humans still choose to do good?
- 4) What does Christianity teach about gender equality?
- 5) Why is Easter important to Christians?