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### Key Concepts

<b>Censorship</b>	Limiting access to materials considered offensive or a threat.	<b>Extremism</b>	Believing and supporting ideas far from that which people consider reasonable.
<b>Discrimination</b>	Treating people differently.	<b>Prejudice</b>	Pre-judging people.
<b>Personal Conviction</b>	What a person strongly believes.	<b>Human Rights</b>	Basic entitlements of all human rights.
<b>Relative and Absolute Poverty</b>	<b>Relative</b> poverty is in relation to standards of where the person lives. <b>Absolute</b> poverty is acute state of deprivation.	<b>Social Justice</b>	Promoting a fair society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity.

### Christian beliefs and attitudes towards prejudice and discrimination

As all humans are created by **God** and in the **image of God (Genesis 1)** all life is **sacred**. **Galatians 3** teaches that all humans are '**one in Christ Jesus**'. **Jesus** taught all life should be valued, e.g. **Good Samaritan**, and his compassionate actions showed all humans should be respected. Treating equally does not mean treating the same. Different **denominations** have different practices regarding the role of women in **Christian worship**.

### Christian beliefs and attitudes towards racial discrimination

Racism is **discrimination** against people on the basis of their race. Christians through their actions promote **equality** of all races. **Jesus** in the story of the **Good Samaritan** showed how important it is to treat all races the same. The teachings and actions of **Jesus** have influenced many Christian **charities** such as the **Catholic Association for Racial Justice** which, through its work, respects the equality of all '**God's people**'.

### Martin Luther King's teachings on equality

As a **Baptist Minister** he expressed his **belief** a day would come when people wouldn't be judged by their colour. He showed it was important to work for this through love and **non-violent action**. He made many speeches and led **non-violent protests** and campaigns. He organised many protesting communities teaching '**We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools**'.

### Key Sources of Authority

- '**...there is neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus**' Galatians 3:27-29
- **The actions and teachings of Jesus**
- **Teachings of Martin Luther King on equality**

### Key Connections

Each area of study will connect with other areas in **Component 1 and Component 2 (Christianity)**. Consider how...

- **beliefs about prejudice and discrimination relate to *sanctity of life and dignity of human life* (Component 1)**
- **beliefs about prejudice and discrimination relate to *roles of women and men in worship* (Component 1).**

### Exam Practice

What is meant by prejudice?

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