

## The Nature of God:

- God's qualities: Omnipotent and Omnibenevolent
- Evil and Suffering
- Trinity

## Key Sources of Authority:

- Exodus 7-11
- Exodus 14: 21
- Book of Job 1: 8-12
- Psalm 86: 15
- John 3: 16
- Romans 8: 37-39
- John 10: 30
- John 14: 6-11

## Key Concepts:

<b>Omnipotent</b>	Characteristic of God – all powerful, almighty and unlimited nature of God	<b>Atonement</b>	Belief Jesus' death healed the rift between humans and God
<b>Omnibenevolent</b>	Characteristic of God – all loving and infinitely good	<b>Resurrection</b>	Belief Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, conquering death
<b>Trinity</b>	Three persons of God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit	<b>Sacraments</b>	Outward sign of an inward and invisible blessing by God
<b>Incarnation</b>	God becoming man in the form of Jesus	<b>Evangelism</b>	Preaching of the gospel to others with the intention of converting others to the Christian faith

## Key Beliefs:

<b>Nature of God 'omni'</b>	Christians believe in one God ( <b>monotheism</b> ). The teaching of the Bible is that God is all powerful ( <b>omnipotent</b> ) and all-good ( <b>omnibenevolent</b> ). Christians believe God is the <b>creator</b> of all things and is <b>eternal</b> . These beliefs are found in the <b>Bible</b> , one of the most important <b>sacred sources of authority</b> for all Christians.
<b>Evil and Suffering</b>	Christians believe suffering is a result of <b>human sin</b> and a <b>turning away</b> from God. It becomes a <b>test of faith</b> and suffering is often a result of the misuse of <b>free will</b> . Many people find it difficult to <b>believe</b> in a kind and all powerful God who allows so much suffering and the existence of <b>evil</b> .
<b>The Trinity</b>	The belief that God is one and that there are <b>three persons</b> of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
<b>Father, Son and Holy Spirit</b>	God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit; the <b>three persons of God</b> are one. The <b>belief</b> in the Trinity is expressed in the <b>Apostles' Creed</b> , where God the Father is in <b>heaven</b> , Jesus Christ is the Son of God in <b>human form</b> on earth and the <b>Holy Spirit</b> , or the <b>Paraclete</b> , is at work in the world.

## Key Connections:

How does beliefs about the nature of God relate to other areas of your study?

*Our Father    prayer    worship    creation    Apostles' Creed*

## Exam Practice:

- What do Christians mean by the Trinity? (2)
- 'Jesus was just an ordinary man.' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (you must refer to religion and belief in your answer). (15)