CHRIST ROLE IN SALVATION

Christianity Beliefs and Teachings

- 1. Which term means restoring the relationship between people and God [1 mark] through the death of Jesus?
 - A) Sin

- B) Atonement
- C) Compassion

- D) Grace
- 2. Give two reasons why Christians celebrate Holy Communion.

[2 marks]

Jesus said "do this in memory of me" / To commemorate the death of Jesus / to say thank you to Jesus for his death / to come together as community and remember Jesus / to be close to Jesus

3. Explain two teachings about why Jesus had to die.

[4 marks]

To make atonement> restore relationship between God and humanity> take away sin It was God's plan> fulfilled prophecy
Humans can't achieve salvation by themselves> original sin> no one perfect> salvation by grace.

4. Explain two teachings about forgiveness.

[5 marks]

Everyone can be forgiven> Woman caught in adultery> "Forgive them father, they know not what they do"> Parable of the lost son

People need to forgive before they can be forgiven> "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"> The parable of the merciless servant

5. 'Jesus did not have to die.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

He was the Son of God> He had power> He could have stopped the crucifixion> He demonstrated his power by doing miracles. He was tried for a crime he didn't commit> this was unjust and unfair and he shouldn't have been killed> he should have stood up for himself> his disciples should have rescued him

Some Christians disagree:

He had to die so human's sins could be forgiven> it made atonement> restore relationship between God and humanity> took away sin. It was God's plan> fulfilled prophecy> Jesus prayed that God would stop it happening unless it was necessary> BIBLE "Not my will but yours". Humans cannot achieve salvation themselves – they are reliant on Jesus' sacrifice for salvation.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: he should have stood up for himself: He could have but he willingly chose death – it was God's plan to save humanity